



# Ministers threaten to oppose extra NIS 1.8b. budget cut

PRIME Minister Binyamin Netanyahu and Finance Minister Dan Meridor are to present the cabinet today with details of an additional NIS 1.8 billion cut to the 1997 budget. The plans reportedly do not include a tax increase.

The cut is in addition to the NIS 4.9b. cut proposed in July, which has already passed its first reading in the Knesset. The size of the additional cut was confirmed late last night by sources in the Prime Minister's Office. The proposals have already met with opposition and threats of resignation from ministers. The cabinet is scheduled to meet this

morning to discuss the size - and agree on the disposition - of the additional cur. Last night Netanyahu and Meridor

appealed to their cabinet colleagues, coalition members, and all MKs to accept the recommendations, on a simultaneous live broadcast on both prime-time television news programs.

While not revealing the contents of the package, Netanyahu said there would be no further cut to the defense budget, the long-school day, or to development towns along the confrontation line.

The prime minister also praised Meridor for having tried his utmost not to let the proposed cuts harm the weaker strata of society. In recent days Meridor has rushed from one meeting to another with minis-ters and coalition MKs in an attempt to persuade them of the need to implement the new cut.

### DAVID HARRIS

While the initial NIS 4.9b. cut passed its first reading in the Knesset, coalition MKs from various parties have said they will not support the bill's final readings which must take place before December

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31 - inless certain changes are made, particularly in the social budget. Industry and Trade Minister Natan

Sharansky and Immigration and Absorptioo Minister Yuli Edelstein met with Meridor to push their call for the cuts

not to be leveled against housing for new immigrants. The two were all smiles when they emerged last night from their meet-

We had several days of very intensive negotiations, but we got what we wanted for the immigrants," Sharansky said, referring to the coalition agreements on helping immigrants in the weaker eco-nomic sectors. The faction had threatened to withhold support for the budget unless these coalition promises were met. "Instead of the NIS 140 million of the

first reading - less than under the previous government - we will get NIS 200 million for [iramigran bostcls]. There will be coordination between the Absorption and Housing ministries on how this money

will be spent, and we will have a say as to whether it is to be used for rental housing or what ... We expect to solve 3,000 housng problems in the coming fiscal year," he said.

Sharansky said his faction's second demand was also met. The government will earmark a sum of NIS 12m. towards helping immigrant scientists.

Meridor and Netanyahu spent the afternoon trying to reach a final decision on the cuts. Later they met with Education Minister Zevulun Hammer, who later threatened to resign if the education budget were cut.

"If it becomes clear that the meaning of the cut is that children come home early (Continned on Page 9)

**Sharansky:** No change on Reform, Conservative conversion abroad HAIM SHAPIRO

INDUSTRY and Trade Minister Natan Sharansky said yesterday he opposes any change that would disqualify Reform and Conservative conversions to Judaism abroad - but he also opposes legitimizing such conversions in Israel.

Sbaransky, who has been chosen by the government to explain its position on the proposed conversion law, said that in fact the government as yet has no position. He . added that the government could take a stand which he personally would oppose.

Sharansky said the founders of the state had purposely left unclear



### **Eitan: Syrian** threats are empty

### DAVID RUDGE and news agencies

#### AGRICULTURE

and Environment Minister Rafael Eitan yesterday played down threats from Syria, saying they were the sounds "of a chicken squawking in the grass while looking for a seed."

"In the framework of the pressures by the Arab world to try and force Israel into steps it has refused to take so far, the Syrians have taken various measures and publicized them," Eitan said. "This has been done in order to attract the attention of the West and force it to put pressure on Israel, out of concern that there could be a conflagration here.

"From what I know about these things, Syria alone could not allow itself to create such a conflagration. That's why I think its just part of their psychological war,"

Eitan said the movements of

Post during a visit by Tsomet Knesset members and party activists to the Golan Heights vesterday in a gesture of solidarity with residents there.

Eitan said Tsomet would support : attempts to pass a bill in the Knesset to strengthen the existing Golan law. Under the proposals, a clear majority would be required in the Knesset and in a public referendum if there were to be any change in the region's status.

"We acted to bring this about in . the previous Knesset and will do the same in this one, in which we are in the government," Eitan said. I believe that the government,

at the end of the day, will adopt this law. It's just a question of timing," he added. Syria accused Israel of preparing

for an assault on its territory in comments published in govern-

a number of issues that could be divisive. This was true, he said, of the Law of Return, which constituted a compromise that recognized Reform and Conservative conversions performed abroad, but did not recognize such conversions in Israel.

By petitioning the High Court, which had given a degree of recognition to non-Orthodox conversions performed in Israel, he said, the Reform and Conservative movements had endangered the status quo. By giving the Chief Rabbinate authority to authorize conversions in Israel, the legislators were adding an official stamp to an existing condition; a step which Sharansky said he regrets, but considers necessary after the

legislation - which would also affect conversions performed abroad - had been submitted privately by Agudat Yisrael and Shas and has no chance of passing in the Knesset.

"] am against it and Yisraeli Ba'aliya is against it," he said. However, he added, the government had failed in making this clear to Diaspora Jewry. Of the bundreds of letters he had received, bardly any showed understanding of the situation, he said. It was a mistake, be said, that the ministers had not met with Reform and Conservative rabbis, and this would be corrected. In fact, he added, the first such meeting with Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu is to take place in February.

regarding conversion to Judaism in Israel, Sharansky said he favors a more liberal and less bureaucratic approach, but that such conver-(Continued on Page 9)

High Court ruling. Sharansky said the proposed

page. Prime

As for the present situation cials say.

A border policeman prepares to admit Moslem worshipers to Hebron's Machpela Cave yesterday for special prayers commemorating Mohammed's ascent to heaven. The site was closed to Jews for the day, but will open again to both Jews and Moslems this morning.

### **Abington hopes Washington** document will lead to summit

short ranges.

meet,

for a date for the talks on the final

disposition of the territories.

Netanyahu is ready to have those

It's unclear if the issue of pris-

oners and further redeployments

would be settled before the sum-

mit or only when the two leaders

A leading Palestinian negotiator

said he hopes a deal might be struck within the next two weeks.

Mahmoud Abbas told Reuter yes-

terday, "If things move ahead, we

expect a deal before Christmas.

But right now, 1 can't say if we

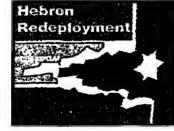
talks begin in the coming weeks.

### DAVID MAKOVSKY and ARIEH O'SULLIVAN

US and Palestinian officials held another round of discussions in Gaza last night to decide if a threedocument drafted in Washington could be the basis of proposals that could be put before Minister Binyamin Netanyahu today, and perhaps lead to a summit between the pre-

mier and Yasser Arafat. US consul-general Edward Abington last night held his third meeting with Arafat in the last four days to obtain approval for the document, which is a distillation of Palestinian ideas on Hebroo based oo private conversations. It was drafted by US special Middle East peace coordinator Denuis Ross and Egyptian national security adviser Osama el-Baz in Washington

during the last few days, US offi-Egypt has been counseling the Palestinian delegation throughout the Hebron talks, and both Arafat and top Palestinian negotiator Saeb Erekat were in Cairo this



weekend. "This is not a document of American ideas, but is based on Palestinian ideas. Once the Palestinians sign off on this, it can then be brought to Prime Minister Netanyahn and there could then be a basis for a summit," a US official said yesterday.

US officials believe direct talks between Erekat and Netanyahu advisor Yitzhak Molcho have run their course, and now the top leaders must make decisions.

There were reports yesterday have made progress or not. The IDF denied it had begun that the Palestinians no longer are opening the contested Shuhada insisting upon unrestricted use of rifles by PA security forces in the Street in Hebron, saying that the parts of Hebron that they control. removal of cement barriers from Israel fears that rifles will be used the street yesterday was dooe for safety reasons. It said the old for sniping at Jewish settlers and

prefers the security forces be blocks were replaced with new, armed only with guns that have hard plastic barriers.

The traffic regulations and the blockades in effect on the street The three-page document also is believed to include Palestinian have not been changed," an IDF insistence that Israel free prisoners spokesman said. and set dates for three future pull-The street has been closed to backs stipulated in the Oslo II Palestinians since the 1994 masaccord. Finally, the document calls

sacre of 29 Moslem worshipers in Hebron by Baruch Goldstein. IDF troops maintain two roadblocks to stop Palestinian movement down the street, which passes one of the Jewish enclaves in the city.

Reopening Shuhada has been a key demand by the PA as part of the IDF's redeployment in Hebron. Prior to the IDF statement, PA

Minister Ali Kawasmeb said: This is one step in the reopening of the street. The Palestinians have stressed that without reopening it, we can't sign any protocol on Hebron.'

that Israel had informed the PA on Saturday night that Shuhada would gradually be reopened, starting with the removal of the cement blocks.

inside Syria and neighboring Lebanon were being used as a form of intimidation.

"They have quickly understood that this does not frighten us, and they dropped it all." he said.

Eitan said there was a similarity between the noises coming from Syria and those "of a chicken squawking in the grass while looking for a seed. If anybody wanted to initiate a violent step, such as a war of one kind or another, they would not take steps openly. They would do them surreptivously in

"Do they think they can make a surprise when they carry out these steps virtually openly? That's why I relate to these measures as a psychological war rather than real intentions."

**Grapes of Wrath** monitors to probe **IDF** civilian shelling Beduin tracker laid to rest DAVID RUDGE

THE five-nation Grapes of Wrath monitoring committee is scheduled to meet at UNIFIL headquarters in Nakoura today to discuss a complaint by the Lebanese government over the wounding of eivilians in Tibnit during an exchange of fire

Tension remained high in south Lebanon yesterday, following Saturday's fighting in which an IDF soldier was killed, another wounded, and seven Tibnit civil-

ians were hurt in the shelling of their village, north of the security zone.

Yesterday Beduin tracker Sgt.-Maj. Mohammed Hujeirat, 27, of Deir al-Maksour, near Shfaram, who was killed by a Hizbullah roadside bomb Saturday, was laid to rest in the village cemetery.

Hundreds of people, including OC Northern Command Mai.-Gen. Amiram Levine, took part in the funeral service.

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### Rumor of Star of David foils art project at pyramids

CAIRO (AP) - An American artist who wanted to draw a field of stars near the Giza pyramids has bad her project halted, after rumors spread that she was drawing the Star of David at Egypt's famed monuments.

The incident gives an indication of how distrustful Egyptians are of Israel, and of the tense relations between the two countries despite a peace accord signed 17 years ago.

Lita Albuquerque, a 50-yearold artist from Los Angeles, had



been planning the pyramid pro- was an important image in ancient Egypt. And her previous ject for a year as the United works of art have involved con-States entry at the Sixth International Cairo Biennale, an art festival starting next Sunday. In the desert, three kilometers from the pyramids, she and 30 Egyptian art students were going to use 2.5 tons of a blue-powdered pigment to chart 99 stars, forming a boneycomb pattern on the sands of the desert. This piece

'I wanted to do both the myth

Albuquerque said that the bee

of the bee and the constellations,"

by 150 meters.

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stellations and viewing earth from outer space. The piece was not intended to last very long, because strong fall winds would have scattered the blue pigment. But the artist said she boped it would have endured

long enough so that pictures could have been taken to complement the rest of her pieces at a was to have measured 180 meters Cairo gallery. However, her work was halted by the Culture Ministry on Friday, after rumors spread that Albuquerque said yesterday. "I she was planning to chart the Star wanted to draw a field of stars with the pyramids in the horiof David in the desert. "This has no indication of any-

thing political or religious, of the

Star of David or anything of the about an Egyptian engineer he sort," Albuquerque said. "Just the bee and the boneycomb and 96 stars, plus three Sufi men to represent the last three stars."

Cairo newspapers were baving a field day with the story about the rumored Star of David. "A Suspect Artistic Project Halted Near the Pyramids," said a frontpage headline in one Cairo newspaper, "Rumor About Allowing Jewish Woman to Draw Star of David by Pyramids."

Albuquerque, who is not Jewish, has found at least one official supporter. Zahi Hawas, chief Egyptologist for the Giza pyramid site, said he believes in her project and has already made an official complaint to police

believes is behind the rumor. "Sbe is a well known artist working on a piece of art and this engineer said she was drawing the Star of David and called up the press, but I have seen her work and there is no Star of

David." Hawas said. In the meantime, Albuquerque, who teaches art at the Pasadena Fine Arts Center, hopes to get her permit back in time to present her piece at the biennale, which lasts until January 15.

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A PA official, speaking on coo-dition of anonymity, told Reuter Saturday.

peace process," the Al-Thawra newspaper said. If Israel chooses war, 'it would have catastrophic and destructive consequences," Al-Thawra said.

Tishrin, another government newspaper, accused . Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu of calling on the Arabs to adapt themselves to his policy. "Adaptation, in the Israeli lan-

order to have the surprise element. guage, simply means relinquishing lands and rights ... Undoubtedly the Arabs would never adapt themselves to such a policy because peace is intricately linked to the full return of lands and rights," the

newspaper said. Eitan spoke to The Jerusalem

"The Israeli military preparations and the state of alert of its army ... are nothing but a widescale aggression Israel is planning to launch against Syria and the

### NEWS

# Arnon released on NIS 10,000 bail

THE Ashkelon Magistrate's Court released Hebron settlenent spokesman Noam Amon when he posted a NIS 10.000 bond yesterday, after he promised to show up whenever summoned by police investigating his arrest in the Machpela Cave on Friday night.

Amon was arrested in the cave on Shabbat trying to return dividers in the cave to their original position. The police said Amon attacked a police officer who was trying to stop him. Amon said he was attacked by the police officer wheo he asked for his name.

Amon's release ended a great deal of activity on his behalf, including calls from Knesset members to the prime minister, a sit-in in front of the Kiryat Arba police statioo and a rally in Kirvat Arba last night.

"My arrest was a tragic mistake. They arrested me on shabbat, without any need. The police got caught up in lies. I maintain that I never attacked anyone, and this will be proven in court. Arnon said after his release. "In any event, I am happy that my release leads us to the conclusion that justice was both done and seen."

The court rejected police requests to extend the remand of Arnon and another man arrested with him, Moshe Shteckel, and said there is no coocern that the two will not show up for further investigation.

The indge said the question of whether Amon attacked the policeman or vice versa should be investigated by the Justice Ministry division dealing with complaints against police. Prior to Arnon's release, a oumber of leading Kirvat Arba and Hebron personalities held a protest outside the police

station in Kiryat Arba's Givat Ha'avot neighborhood. Among those who took part were Kiryat Arba Local

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Naval commando Third Petty Officer Matan Polibuda, 19, who was

killed on a training dive with his partner, 3PO Yair Engel, 20, in

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Council head Zvi Katzover, Geula Cohen, and rabbis Eliezer Waldman, Dov Lior and Moshe Levinger.

Cohen said that considering the tension in Hebron and the insecurity under which the settlers are living, the police should be acting with added sensitivity, not increased aggressiveness. "With the situation so volatile, the police should have acted exactly opposite from the way they did," she said.

Cohen said that even if Amon did what the police allege, it is no reason to desecrate the Shabbat.

She said that the border police have it in for the settlers in Hebron, and want to show them "who is boss." She said the settlers would prefer for the IDF to deal with these types of matters and not the police. The IDF commanders at the scene asked the police not to arrest Arnon, she said, but were overruled.

Waldman said that the whole incident shows the "hostili ty with which the police view the settlers." What happened that necessitated desecrating the Shabbat, he asked? "Did he kill somebody, did he pose a danger to the public order?" Hebron settlement spokesman David Wilder said transporting Amon on Shabbat was totally unnecessary. since Arnoo said he would voluntarily walk to the police station in Givat Ha'avot,

The last time Jews were taken by car to a police station after being arrested on Shabiat was some three years ago. Wilder said. The general rule in the past, wheo someone was detained on Shabbat, was for them to be held at the Civil Administration building in town. But the police have

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since moved out of that building in advance of the redeployment, and have moved to Givat Ha'avot. However, that facility does not have a holding pen for people waiting to be brought before a judge.

Although relations between settlers in the area and the police were rocky under the last government, "in some sense it has calmed down," Wilder said. "But the police hierarchy in Hebron has not changed," he added. "They are bored and have to find something to do."

### Police say Shabbat a factor in planning arrests

POLICE try to exercise sensitivity regarding making arrests on Shabbat, especially when they involve the

religious, a police spokesman said yesterday. There are oo written regulations regarding Shabbat arrests, the spokesman said, and anyone suspected of breaking the law should take into consideration the possibility that they may be arrested on Shabbat. Each case is judged individually and the final decision rests with the relevant district or sub-district commander.

Arrests are made at demonstrations beld on Shabbat and in the case of serious crimes, police do not take into consideration the day or time of day. However, the spokesman insisted that in other cases, police usually do show sensitivity to those who observe Shabbar. Raine Marcus

### Jerusalem planning commission hears objections to Ras al-Amud project

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THE lerusalem district planning commission vesterday heard objections to a proposed lewish housing project in Ras al-Annad in eastern Jerusalem. If the commission approves the plan, it will go to Interior Minister Eli Suissa for final approval.

Opposition figures and Palestinian leaders wained approval of the plan could provoke violence.

"Implementation of this decision would mean the destruction of the peace process and the creation of a popular reaction that would make the immel incidents a simple matter," said Faisal Husseini, the leading PLO official in Jerusalem. "We are trying to deal with this issue in political

and peaceful means through the peace process." Deputy Housing Minister Meir Porush, when asked if the liousing plan was wise, said he is not worried.

"I don't see my reason why Jews can't live in the Old City or in the east of the city. There is no reason not to ... It can lead to coexistence, he told Israel Radio.

The radio said the plan called for 132 homes for Jews in Ras al-Amatic. Suissa had linked approval of more housing for Arabs in the neighbor-hood to approval of the plan for Jewish housing, the radio said Lawyer Daniel Siedemann, who opposed the plan yesterday at the hearing on behalf of Ir Shalem and Palestinians, told Reuter the plan did

not respect the delicate mosaic of the city."

The linkage between the Jewish and Arab building is scandalous and illegal ... they [Arabs] are being held hostage," he added. Siedeman said the commission could take "a day or a month" before

deciding whether to send the plan for Suissa's signature Labor MK Uzi Baram said the plan, which he blocked when he was interior minister in the previous government, is a prescription for trou-

ble. "I'm completely against it," he told Israel Radio. "The existing hostility in my opinion will also cause a very complicated international problem for the Netanyahu government and it will also cause serious con-flicts between the Jews and Arabs in that neighborhood."

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Raioub meets with missing soldier's family Col. Jibril Rajoub, head of the Palestinian Authority's Preventive Security Service in Jericho, told relatives of Sharon Edri, a soldier who disappeared in September, that PA Chairman Yasser Arafat consistently has directed him to cooperate with Israel in finding Edri. Rajoub told Edri's relatives, who traveled m Jericbo yesterday afternoon to meet with him, that he had no new information on Edri's whereabouts and no information he was being held by any Palestinian group. Knesset Interior Committee chairman Sallah Tarif (Labor), who initiated the visit, also participated in the meeting. Itim

Levinger's daughter seriously burned

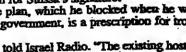
Nurit Levinger, Rabbi Moshe Levinger's 20-year-old daughter, was in serious condition at Hadassah University Hospital in Em Kerem last night after being burnt in a fire caused by a kerosene heater. The hospital said she was conscious, despite burns covering about 60 percent of her body.

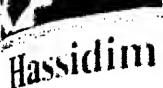
Hamas to mark death of 'The Engineer' Hamas has received permission from Palestinian Police to hold a rally. on Friday in Khan Yunis, located in the Gaza Strip, to commemorate the group's founding and the killing of mester bombinater Yihye Ayyash, "The Engineer." Ayyash was killed in January in Gaza when he answered a call on his cellular phone and it exploded in his hands. Israel is widely believed to have been behind the killing. AP

Foreign Minister David Levy (left) and his Cypriot counterpart, Alecos Michaelides, emerge from a huncheon meeting yesterday at Jerusalem's Sheraton Plaza Hotel. Michaelides expressed concern at Israel's just-concluded deal to upgrade Turkish Phantom fighter-bombers. (Issue Homit)

Sarid: Egypt wary of Netanyahu gov't

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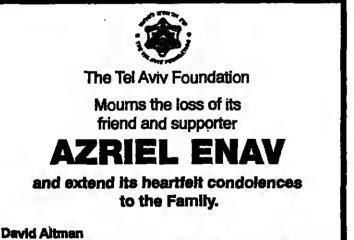




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MERETZ leader Yossi Sarid, who

was the guest of Egyptian Foreign

Minister Amr Moussa in Cairo

yesterday, said after their meeting

that be found "a considerable

amount of scepticism in Egypt

regarding the true intentions of

Binyamin Netanyahu's govern-ment, both on the Palestinian and

the Syrian tracks."

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Jordan. Israel and Palestinians. In his conversation with head of the Middle Eastern Studies Institute in Cairo, and Dr.

Moussa, Sarid raised the issue of Osama cl-Harb, the head of the Israeli citizen Azzam Azzam, who is being held in an Egyptian prison research institute of El-Aharam on espionage charges. Sarid said he made it quite clear that Azzam newspaper, told him of "worrying changes among Egyptian military personnel." Sarid said. He said had no connection at all with the Mossad "and one hopes the they told him that Israel had been [Egyptian] error will be quickly seen and rectified." marked oo maps ooce as an

Sarid spoke in private with Moussa for about an hour and was then the guest of honor at a lunch with leading ministry officials, parliamentarians, researchers and journalists.

### Ran Cohen questions legality of dual citizenship for PM's advisers LIAT COLLINS

MERETZ MK Ran Cohen is asking the head of the Civil Service to investigate whether it is legal and acceptable for an adviser in the Prime Minister's Office to hold dual nationality. Cohen was relating to a newspaper article on David Bar-Illan, the head of the political planning and information branch in the Prime Minister's Office.

Cohen, who chairs the Knesset State Control Committee, sent a letter to Civil Service Commissioner Shmuel Hollander asking whether it is acceptable that a ministerial branch head, and particularly one in the premier's office, should also be a national of a foreign country and use his foreign passport during official visits. Cohen also asked Hollander to check whether Bar-Illan had passed security checks and whether the nationalities of other advisers had been checked.

"Apart from the scorn it raises in a government promoting itself as patriotic, and nationalist, there are questions of the legality and acceptability of such a senior civil servant holding two nationalities," Cohen said.

In response, Bar-Illan, who is Israeli-born, noted that according to US law an American citizen must use a US passport to enter and leave that country and that he travels with both his Israeli and US passports. He said he had passed all the security tests, including a lie-detector test. Bar-Illan said the question of the legality of having dual nationality had not been raised before, but he would abide by Hollander's ruling and would-

be prepared to give up his US citizenship if necessary. The same questions apply to Dore Gold, the prime minister's diplo-matic adviser, who also holds both US and Israeli citizenship.

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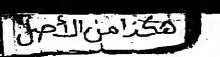
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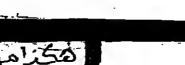
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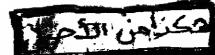
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# Hassidim throng rabbi's funeral

THOUSANDS of hassidim yesterday made their way on foot from the Toldot Aharon Yeshiva in Jerusalem's Mea She'arim Quarter to the Mount of Olives to pay their last respects to Rabbi Avraham Yitzhak Kahan, the leader of the only hassidic group that originated in this

early yesterday morning after two years in a ments and children's allowances, from the coma following a fall.

He was 83 with a wife, nine children, and numerous grandchildren and great-grandchildren. His followers were known for their striped robes, similar to those of Arabs, and country, Kahan, who was among the most extreme of the hassidim in his anti-Zionist outlook, died for the fact that they vigorously opposed vot-ing in Israeli elections and would accept no money, including National Insurance pay-

state of Israel.

Following the deceased's last request, hassidim sang the melody they normally sing on Rosh Hashana before the blowing of the sbofar at the graveside. Also in accord with the last will of the deceased, his successor is to be chosen after the shiva, by the hassidim.

Haim Shapiro authoritie

### Reported HIV carriers in Middle East have doubled over past two years

THE number of reported HIV carriers in the Middle East has doubled over the past two years to 192,000, according to UN AIDS offieial Johannes van Dam, who reported the fig-ures over the weekend at an AIDS seminar held at the Tantur Institute outside Jerusalem. Van Dam is one of 42 public health educators

from Israel, Jordan and the Palestinian Authority who are attending the event, which is

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riers, but this also is due to the spread of the

disease in the region. Eyad Arafe from the PA Health Ministry's Department of Preventive Medicine said 28 Palestinians have developed full-blown AIDS since 1981; 11 of them were infected in the territories, and the rest were infected abroad. 

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There are 1,452 known AIDS carriers in Israel, according to the Health Ministry. According to Inoo Schenker of the Jerusalem

AIDS Project, the seminar participants decided to set up a Middle East task force on AIDS. Schenker helped develop the first-ever curriculum on AIDS for schools in Mostern communes. He said last night he was pleased that despite near Nazareth. the difficult political situation, public heath The 53 Arab councils have accu-reducators in the region were ready to meet manhared, debrs totalling. NIS, 430 Israel and discuss ways of fighting the spread million. More than half have been of the discuss — some for lum on AIDS for schools in Moslem countries.

Highway

# **Police finger** kingpin of Russian underworld

### **BUSINESSMAN** Malevsky is one of the leaders of

organized crime in Russia, and has remained criminally active both locally and internationally since immigrating here over two years ago, according to intelligence information received by the Israel Police.

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Information on Malevsky's alleged criminal activities came to light yesterday in a deposition by a representative of the State Attorney's Office before the High Court of Justice, which was hearing Malevsky's peninon against being given an extension of his Israeli passport,

According to the police, Malevsky is behind a number of contract killings, is heavily involved in the drug trade, extortion, and the running of a number of casinos.

According to the State Attorney's Office, Malevsky is

### **RAINE MARCUS and itim**

one of the leaders of a Russian underworld organization known as "Izmalyevo." With several hundred members, it is considered one of Russia's oldest and most violent criminal organizations, specializ-ing in ruthlessly eliminating its poneots

Malevsky was one of the two Russian underworld figures on the hit list of private investigators Amir Ben-Asher and former IDF officer Ya'acov Bak, who were hired to murder them in 1995. Bak and Ben-Asher, who have since been convieted and sentenced,

were paid \$100,000 by other Russian criminals, via an Israeli living in Russia, to assassinate Malevsky and Michael Cherney. Malevsky and Cherney, who have legitimate businesses here,

were apparently at odds with other members of the Russian under-

world over debts.

Bak and Ben-Asher hired a local hit man and provided him with weapons and ammunition. But the would-be contract killer, whose name is banned from publication, decided to turn police informer and iaped all transactions with Bak and Ben-Asher, leading to their arrests.

Since then, the same individual has informed on two other plots: the planned murders of the wife of prominent businessman Haim Aflalu and businessman Aharon Ginzberg.

At yesterday's hearing the state claimed that Malevsky filed a false declaration when applying for citizenship under the Law of Return. The police asked the Interior Ministry to myske Interior Ministry to revoke Malevsky's citizenship, noting he is wanted by the Russian police and declared the contrary when applying for citizenship.

### Arab council heads pitch tents opposite PM's Office

### DAVID RUDGE

not effect municipal services in the towns and villages. Suleiman stressed, however,

sector if they demands were not met.



that they would intensify their campaign up to and including a general strike of the entire Arab

### ISRAELI Arab council beads pitched a protest tent opposite the Prime Minister's office yesterday as part of their campaign to press for a bailout of their debt-ridden

Portable beds, mattresses, rugs

and chairs were moved into the tent, as the striking council leaders prepared for a long struggle.

"We don't intend to leave here until the government has agreed to tackle the problems afflicting the Arab councils," said Hussein Suleiman, spokesman for the forum of Arab Council Heads.

That means consolidating debts and increasing regular and development budgets to equalize them with those of councils in the Jewish sector," said Suleiman, head of Mash'had local council

municipal employees - some for several months.

"The councils are colla

### Segregation at school in Bnei Brak continues

THE Education Ministry has not been successful in getting a Bnci Brak girls' school to integrate its elasses, despite the recommenda-tions of a ministry commission which looked into disturbances at the school at the beginning of the academie year.

Director-General Ministry Director-General Benzion Dell is due to appeal to the heads of the semiautonomous baredi Independent Education Authority again today, the ministry spokesman said, in an attempt to put an end to segrega-tion on the basis of ethnic background.

Some 80 percent of the girls studying at the Sha'arei Aharon school are of Sephardi hackground, the spokesman said. Parents of Ashkenazi background charge that their daughters are not well treated by other pupils in those elasses where they form a minority. The school therefore agreed to set up special classes for Ashkenazi girls. In previous years, the classes had been integrated.

Yesterday, Avraham Marshall, head of the Sephardi parents' committee, charged that 12 Ashkenazi girls, who were nevertheless placed in integrated classes two months ago, had "fled" from the school.

We have been in this country 50 years and have studied in the same yeshivot and with the same rabbis. Why does this have to happen now?" Marshall said.

He said that an inspector, appointed by Dell when the trouble broke out earlier in the year. had not been able to hold any contacts on the issue after the authori-



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gram.

ty refused to cooperate with him. Marshall was interviewed on Israel Radio's "It's All Talk" pro-

The ministry spokesman last night confirmed that a steering committee (consisting of municipal representatives, parents, ministry and authority officials) which was due to hold a dialogue on how to divide the classes, had not been able to meet.

The haredi representatives thwarted their efforts to convene, according to Marshall. He said that anthority representatives told him yesterday that they did not recognize the recommenda-

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Dell said, in response, that the authority had pedagogical inde-pendence, "but the ministry has red lines [beyond which] it has to intervene even when there is pedagogical independence ... I strongly hope that, after speaking to the representatives of the authority. the inspector whom I appointed, Rabbi Moshe Avidan of the min-

tions of the ministry's commis-

istry, will be able to convene the steering committee. "Even if I do not have the formal power to apply the commission's recommendations," Dell added, "I shall use all my influence - and I

have such on the Independent Education system - to bring about good will in the school." exhaust.

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THE level of air pollution along main highways is above the per-mitted standard, according to a survey by Avi Moshel of the Hebrew University's environ-

mental sciences department. Cars fitted with internal sampling devices traveling between Jerusalem and its Mevasseret Zion suburb and on the Ayalon highway in the morning rushhour had up to eight times the permitted standard of nitrogen oxides and high - though accept-able - levels of carbon monoxide. The study found passengers in private vehicles who travel daily on the main highways in rushhour are particularly exposed to the pollution from vehicular

we have reached the end of our tether. This time we won't give vp," said Suleiman. The council leaders have invited

several foreign ambassadors, including those of the US, France, Egypt and Jordan, to visit the protest tent Wednesday. They will present them with reports and documents outlining what they describe as the ongoing neglect of the Arab sector by successive gov-

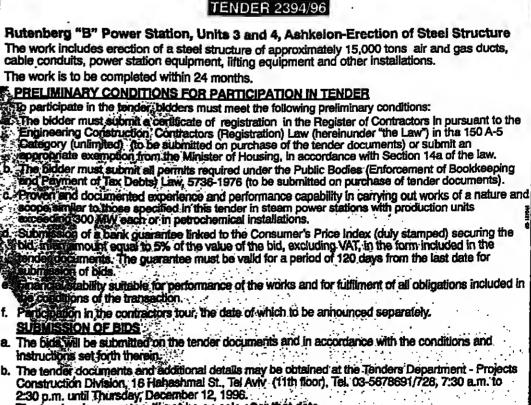
cruments For the time being the strike is by the council heads only and does

A slightly injured Jerusalem detective receives first aid yesterday after be was hit with a shovel by a burglary suspect. The officer saw two Arab youths break into a car on Rehov Hamelech David and load the booty into a van, which drove off. He pursued the two into a nearby construction site, where they attacked him and stole his pistol before escaping. (Brian Hendler)

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### **WORLD NEWS**

# Over 100,000 protest in new anti-Milosevic demonstration

MORE than 100.000 demonstrators, accusing Serbia's Supreme Court of rubber-stamping socialist election fraud, thronged Belgrade vesterday amid growing demands for an end to President Slobodan Milosevic's autocratic rule.

The court has begun rejecting appeals by the Zajedno (Together) coalition of opposition parties that vote rigging by the socialists cheated it of victory in Belgrade during local elections on November 17.

Anger at the rulings mobilized more than 100,000 protesters in the capital and 40,000 io the southern town of Nis. where Zajedno also claimed it had won in the biggest reversal for socialist rule in Serbia for 50 years. Referral of the issue to the court

after three weeks of street protests buoyed opposition hopes that Milosevic might admit defeat under strong pressure from the US and other Western governments.

Although there was no official announcement, copies of the court's legally binding decision in five out of 50 appeals were seot to Zajedno and the Belgrade election commission

Zajedno leader Vuk Draskovic said the rulings were sufficient to deprive the opposition of a major-

### DONALD FORBES Belgrade

ity in Belgrade and restore socialist control.

"It is now clear to both the foreign and domestic public that what the Supreme Court did last night was founded oo politics, not law," Zajedno lawyer Goran Draganic said.

Draskovic told reporters that peaceful protests would continue until Milosevic resigned, but he feared the authorities might quickly resort to force.

"I am expecting tomorrow, the day after tomorrow, that Milosevic will use police, maybe even the army, but we will not stop," be added.

The authorities have held the police in reserve during daily street protests attracting up to 150,000 people. Zajedno leaders have expressed

concern that police provocateurs among the marchers could foment trouble and give Milosevic an excuse to turn loose his riot police. He used tanks to crush the last significant street challenge to his

authority in 1991. Zajedno and Belgrade students staged separate marches, during in Serbia."

which a wreath was laid at the door of Milosevic's office with the inscription: "Justice died here." Draskovic compared Milosevic and his marxist wife Mirjana with Romanian dictator Nicolae Ceausescu and his wife, who were overthrown and executed in

1989. He told baying demonstrators: "We are oot even the victims of a one-party dictatorship, but of a one-bed dictatorship. We are in the same position Romania under the Ceausescus. There's only one objective now - resignation."

United Yugoslav Left (YUL) party is even more unpopular than her husband with oppositioo support-CIS

Aleksa Djilas, political analyst son of the late communist dissideot Milovan Djilas, accused the opposition of being over-ambitious in trying to topple Milosevic and warned against relying on the

"I do not believe the West would support Milosevic's replacement because a successor is not in sight," Djilas told Beta oews agency. "[The West] fears the nationalism of the opposition leaders and the anarchic situation

Mirjana, who leads her own

(Reuter)



Student protesters blow whistles during a march in support of the opposition through the streets of Belgrade yesterday. The opposition said it would end the demonstrations if President Slobodan Milosevic agreed to ratify results from last month's local elections (AP)

### Officials: Zairean rebels cut key road

Monday, December 9, 1996 The Jerusalem Post

BENI, Zaire (Reuter) - Zairean rebels and their allies have taken two strategic towns, cutting government troops in the northeastern town of Bunia off from Kisangani city to the west, local officials said yesterday.

The crossroads towns of Komanda and Mambasa are both oo the main road from Bunia to Kisangani, the largest city in the

said Kihungu Lubono Tsongo, magistrate in rebel-held Beni. "But [we] were turned back at Komanda ... by Banyamulenge rebell forces.

Mustafa Lufungula, head of the Zairean Red Cross in Beni, said the Mai-Mai, a witchcraft group working for the rebels, had cut the Bunia-Kisangani road at Mambasa. Bunia - which is reported strongly defended - is the next target of rebels on the northern front as they extend the area they have carved out of eastern Zaire over

The Alliance of Democratic Forces for the Liberatioo of Congo-Zaire now controls a strip running 520 km. along Zaire's border with Uganda, Rwanda and Burundi.

The rebellion has scattered at least 165,000 Rwandan refugees into the countryside of eastern Zaire. A multinational force with a mission to find and help the refugees has set up its headquarters in the Ugandan capital

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The Canadian commander of the force, Lieut-Gen, Maurice Baril, visited the rebel capital Goma yesterday to seek more information

As the mission looked increasleader Laurent Kabila, who oppos-Seko.

Kabila's military commander, Andre Kissasse Ngandu, said in an interview published yesterday that the United Nations was inflating the number of refogees still in rebel-held areas as an excuse to bring in foreign forces

In Beni, Tsongo said Bunia had a concentration of government troops, some pushed north by the advancing rebels and some flown in as remforcements. This would make a garrison of about 5,000 men, the rebeis said. Tsongo said the Zamean soldiers had left a trail of destruction as they fied northwards.

On the other side of Rwanda, in northwestern Tanzania, about 1,000 Rwandan refugees walked out of two camps yesterday, complicating UN plans to repatriate them.

### **Report: Nixon wanted Jewish** contributors to Democrats investigated

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) -President Richard Nixon wanted the US tax agency to audit Jewish contributors to the Democratic Party, whom he said were "stealing in every direction," the San Francisco Examiner reported yesterday.

Nixoo, in recently released White House tapes, urged Chief of Staff H.R. Haldeman to "please get me the names of the Jews. You know, the big Jewish contributors to the Democrats, Could we please investigate some of the (expletive)?

The conversations were included in more than 200 hours of tapes released after the Nixon family gave up a two-decade battle to keep them private.

September 1971, Nixon encouraged investigations into Jewish contributors to 1968 Democratic presidential candidate Hubert Humphrey and former Maine Sen. Edmund Muskie, theo the front-"sickening." runner for the Democratic nomi-

nation, the Examiner said. "John, we have the power." Nixon said. "Are we using it oow to investigate cootribotors to Hubert Humphrey? Contributors to Muskie? The Jews, you know, that are stealing in every direc-

tion?" Five days later, in a conversation with Haldeman, Nixon said: What about the rich Jews? The IRS is full of Jews, Boh."

When Haldeman proposed scouting the Internal Revenue 

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tributors, Nixon agreed: "Go after them like a son of a hitch." Robert Strauss, treasurer of the Democratic National Committee in 1971, called Nixon's comments

"As a Jewish, politically involved Democrat, this language coming-out of the mouth of a president of the United States is more than I can really comprehend," Strauss told the newspaper. Ehrlichman said he did not

Other examples of Nixon's anti-Semitism have surfaced in recent;

ministringing and the state

THE Swiss government is widening its con-MARILYN HENRY tacts in the international Jewish community, hy New York inviting oumerous Jewish organizations to participate in its "search for truth and justice,"

Ministry. In letters sent in the last 10 days to according to the Swiss Foreign Ministry. Jewish organizations, Borer asked for the In the end, dozens of Jewish organizations meetings "to discuss your views and suggestions as we continue our search for truth and Thomas Borer, who heads Switzerland's task force on the history of Swiss Holocaust-era

fustice. The Swiss move appeared to be an effort to navigate the extensively organized Jewish world and to identify all the relevant Jewish zations in the US, including representatives of actors in a community where no single organization has the authority to speak for everyone.

Swiss look to Jewish community

to join Holocaust loot search

What's wrong with dealing with 27 different Jewish organizations?" said Rabbi Marvin Hier of the Simoo Wiesenthal Center in Los Borer, a Foreign Ministry lawyer, extended a similar invitation to Avraham Burg, head of the ... Angeles

The World Jewish Congress has been the

leader in the effort to recover dormant Jewish assets in Swiss banks. It is now participating with the Swiss Bankers Association on a panel, led by former Federal Reserve chairman Paul Volcker, to arrange for an audit of the bank accounts.

The Clinton administration was also said to be seeking meetings with a number of Jewish organizations. The administration is in the early stages of an inquiry into how the US dealt with the recovery and distribution of Nazi loot.

Switzerland's wartime financial dealings will be reviewed Wednesday at the third congressional hearing on this issue, this one called by the House Banking Committee. Among those scheduled to testify are Volcker, Borer, Edgar Bronfman of the World Jewish Congress, and a representative of the Swiss bankers."

### German court delays ruling on Nazi slave workers

a decision until the end of January that could pave the way for landmark awards for hundreds of other forway for hundreds of prisoners in Hitler's slave labor camps to be awarded compensation. The civil court could not reach a decision on whether 22 former slave workers should receive compensation and, if so, how much they would be entitled to receive.

BONN (Reuter) - A German court last week delayed If the claimants win their case, it could pave the

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recall the conversations, the Examiner said. Haldeman died in There is no evidence that any andits were carried out, and no. contributors were mentioned by name, the Examiner said.

B'rith and the American Jewish Committee.

Jewish Agency, according to the Foreign

"We tried to reach Bunia yesterday,"

the past seven weeks.

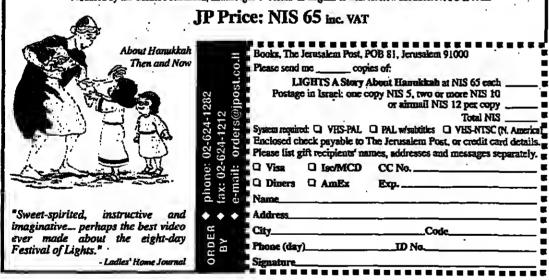
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on how to help refugees.

ingly remous, a force spokesman said Baril had crossed from Rwanda to Zaire to meet rebel es the force deploying for fear it might restore the authority of Zairean President Mobuty Sese

# LIGHTS A Story About Hanukkah

Nanated by Judd Hirsch and Leonard Nimoy, this animated film has become a holiday classic. Through exchanging cartoon characters and richly orchestrated sound track, the story tells of an unusual light that refused to be extinguished. Produced by the Gesher Foundation, Israel. Ages 6 - Adult. In English or with Hebrew subtities. NTSC or PAL.



### leader

Algerian rebel

group names former Bosnian

fighter as new

may want to sit at the table.

financial dealings, is scheduled to hold a series

of meetings later this week with Jewish organi-

the Joint Distribution Committee and the Anti-

Defamation League, Swiss diplomatic sources

said. He also is seeking meetings with B'nai

ALGIERS, Algeria (AP) - A 28year-old Moslem extremist who fought in Afghanistan and Bosnia has been chosen to lead the Armed Islamic Group (GIA), Algeria's most violeot rebel faction, the group said yesterday.

Slimane Maherzi, also known as Abu Djamil, has replaced Antar Zouabri to lead the group's fight to install a fundamentalist Islamic government in Algeria. It was oot immediately clear why

Zouabri was replaced, but he may have been killed by Algerian security forces, who have stepped up their operations against the militants in the past 15 days. More than 60,000 people have been killed in the 4%-year-long insurgency.

Zouabri was considered responsible for the killings of dozens of Algerians who were not strictly observing Islamic law. He in turn had replaced Djamel Zitouni.

"The decision will be made on January 31," said Klaus-Andreas Nagel, a lawyer for the claimants, after the court proceedings ended. "We hope the decision will go our way."

Nagel said one of the reasons the decision was delayed was that the lawyers for the claimants had recently increased the amount of compensation they were looking for.

The Constitutional Court ruled in July that foreign citizens' claims for their unpaid work could not be rejected out of hand as violating international law. But it said they might be turned down if already cov-ered by specific bilateral agreements with their countries of origin. It said German citizens could be entitled to make

claims as well.

The case concerns 21 women and one man, all of them Jewish. Before World War II, they were of German, Hungarian and Polish nationality, but now all except three have taken Israeli citizenship. Two are US citizens and one is Canadian.

mer slave laborers. The Nazis forced hundreds of thousands of Jews.

mainly from Eastern Europe, prisoners of war and other deponees to work under appalling conditions for German companies.

But since the end of the war, the German government has rejected individual claims from the survivors who helped to boost profits for German industry during the Third Reich.

It said these were covered in post-war bilateral agreements and that they could only be addressed once Germany concluded peace treaties with former foes and countries it occupied - something Germany had never done formally. Others were deemed invalid as they were lodged "too late."

Some firms that profited from slave labor were closed down after the war. Some, for example Volkswagen AG, are still in place while others have legal successors.

The most notorious company was the chemical giant IG Farben, which made "Zyklon B" for the gas chambers of Auschwitz and other concentration

IG Farben was the world's fourth-largest company until the end of the war. The allies broke it down into three firms - Bayer AG, BASF AG and Hoechst AG.



### ARTS AND ENTERTAINMENT

A dragon that knows its place

FILM REVIEW ADINA HOFFMAN

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### DRAGONHEART

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Directed by Rob Cohen. Screenplay by Charles Edward Pogue. Hebrew title: Lev hadrakon. 108 minutes. English dia-logue, Hebrew subtitles. Parental guid-ance suggested for small children.

With Dennis Quaid, David Thewlis, Pete Postlethwaite, Dina Meyer, Julie Christie and the voice of Sean Connery

IDS of most temperaments are bound to enjoy the larger-than-life fancy of Dragonheart. Set in a fairytale 10th century of brave swordsmen, wicked kings, strong peasant girls and the last of the fire-breathing dragons, the film combines a pow-erful narrative with sophisticated special effects in a way that should appeal both to children who love reading books and to all the videogame afficionados in the audience. In sunnier tones than are usual

for such yarns about the Dark Ages, the movie tells the story of the unlikely friendship between a knight named Bowen (Dennis Quaid) and an enormous, flying lizard, Draco (the voice of Sean Connery), the sole remaining member of his species.

Although Bowen has made a name for himself as a dragonslayer - a sword-for-hire who travels the countryside offering to protect vil-lages from attack by the slithery beasts - he realizes he'll be out of a job once this last dragon is gone. So he agrees to join forces with the amiable monster, and the two set forth to bilk the terrified citizens of the realm. In a neatly choreo-



Bowen (Dennis Quaid) is a knight who befriends the last remaining dragon.

graphed scam, Bowen relieves the peasants of a sack of gold then pretends to kill the dragon, who does his bit and plays dead for a while. Then the buddles move onto the next cluster of thatch-roofed huts and start all over again. While their exploits are amusing,

it's clear from the outset that linked his own reptilian fate to that Bowen's behavior is not quite in of the despotic monarch ... line with the chivalric code to It's an unusual children's picture which he long ago swore alle-giance. As the film goes on, both whose plot and characters are actually too complex to collapse into a he and the orange-eyed creature neat little tic-tac-toe board. are called upon to demonstrate Dragonheart is such a film, a fact their honor, valor and selflessness: that's still more impressive when the tyrannical King Einon (David we stop to consider the boggling Thewlis) must be overthrown, and technological challenges involved the oppressed serfs in burlap liberin bringing the legend to life. Director Rob Cohen and screenated (Dina Meyer plays the pretty

tomboy leader of the peasant writer Charles Edward Pogue revolt). And toppling the king is no could easily have handed the cresimple matter of storming the casative reins over to the swarm of ile and beheading the sadistic jerk. special effects types who worked As a young man, Emon's life was on the movie - but they resisted. saved by a beneficent dragon, who and the results are admirable. Not gave the dying heir to the throne only does the digitally constructed half his heart and inextricably monster look like a real live dragon, he knows his place in the story.

And what, you ask, does a "real live" dragon look like? Like a huge, toothy wind-up roy, of course, with a hatchet for a tail, a pair of gigantic kites for wings and napalm on his breath. One of the elements that distinguishes Dragonheart from Jurassic Park, its most obvious, prehistoric ancestor on the special-effects family tree, is the crucial element

of make-believe involved in Cohen's movie. (George Lucas's Industrial Light and Magic was responsible for the visual wizardry in both films.)

While the dinosaurs in the Spielberg extravaganza were drawn diligently and well from the anatomical structures of an actual extinct species, no skeletons have vet been unearthed to prove the existence of talking dragons. So instead of the impressive but peculiarly literal (and, in some ways, numbing) accuracy that weighed down a spectacle like Jurassic Park, the makers of Dragonheart are able to let their imaginations fly high and free - the most special of special effects.

### NEWS OF THE MUSE

### Our kind of folk

Druse, Beduin, Yemenite, and Caucasian folk dancers will be among the 10 groups competing for NIS 15,000 in prizes from the Schuster Foundation, at the Ethnic Celebration on Wednesday at the Holon Arts Center in Kiry at Sharett. Also competing are Kurdish singer Ilana Ilya. Russian singer Boris Sihon, and folkdance groups from Karmiel, Halfa and Tel Aviv. The event is organized to present our country's ethnic diversity in music, dance and song by Mataf, an organization dedicated to this aim. The Han Tang Yuefu song ensemble from Taiwan will also appear.

Helen Kaye

#### Bat Dor premieres

The Bat Dor Dance Company is premiering three new short works on December 30. They are Nils Christie's Sync, Song of Songs by Philippe Trehet - whose company was seen at the International Dance Competition in October, and Ring (a provisional title), by Bat Dor's own Anya Brud. Helen Kave

#### Musicians protest

The Israel Symphony Orchestra Rishon Lezion played a special Ine Israel Symptony Orthestra Rishon Lezion played a special concert at the Knesset, at the beginning of last week, protesting management threats to fire musicians if the government does not provide the orchestra with the money is promised it for the current fiscal year. Orchestra management expressed hope that the funds will arrive, but stressed that if not, there will be no way to avoid the dismissals. Michael Ajzenstadt

### Seeds of 'Sesame Street'

Educational Television is all set to roll on 60 new episodes of the evergreen pre-school series. Sesame Street or Rehur: Sumsum in Hebrew. This cycle will concentrate on tolerance and mutual respect between people. Actor Ami Weinberg will portray the new Kippi, a hedgehog substitute for the American Big Bird. The cast includes both Israelis and Arabs and features newcomers to the series such as singer Amal Morkos, and actress Meski Shibre. The all-new Sesame Street will start screening in 1998. Helen Kaye

### Spielberg adds to his list

Steven Spielberg is a father again. It is the Hollywood director's fifth child with Kate Capshaw, and in keeping with local custom, the names get more and more ridiculous as they go along. The couple's new little girl is called Destry Allyn. Spielberg, who married Capshaw in 1991, also has a son (Max, 11) from his first wife, Amy Irving.

Spielberg got to know Capshaw when she starred in his adventure movie Indiana Jones and the Temple of Doem. At present, the Cincinnati-born director is building up his DreamWorks multimedia entertainment studio, which he founded two years ago with record magnate David Geffen and movie czar Jeffrey Katzenberg. Tom Gro. Tom Gross

### America's favorite

movie star Mel Gibson has been voted "America's Favorite Movie Star" of 1996, knocking John Wayne off his longstanding No. 1 position, according to a telephone poll among 1,000 adults conducted last month by the Harris polling agency. Since his death in 1979, Wayne has been at or near the top of the annual Harris survey. Gibson, who was born in Peekskill. New York, but grew up in Australia. won two Oscars last year for

Braveheart: His latest film, Ransom, m which he plays a millionaire who takes

Mel Gibson knocked Jobn Wayne off no. 1.

matters into his own bands when his son is kidnapped, has takenover \$100 million at the US box office.

Muscleman Steven Seagal was in third position, followed by Clint Eastwood, Arnold Schwarzenegger, Tom Cruise, Tom Hanks,

**Reality or illusion** HELEN KAYE OV Reiser plays the title "The play is about the choice role in Pirandello's fasci-

nating Henry IV, considered by many to be his best play. It's a difficult, complex role, be says, "the story of a man who pretends to be mad and forces everybody to play along," until he reaches the point of no return, "and then the Henry character is trapped- in the construct he's made.\*

This Henry IV is the German kinglet who had to go to Canossa and beg pardon from Pope Gregory VII before the pope lift the ban of excomi

between living in reality or illusion," says Henry IV director Mitko Bozkov, "but Pirandello says that there really is no choice. We have to live in reality because the alternative is destruction."

Pirandello (1867-1936), an Italian, won the Nobel Prize for literature in 1934. Most of his dramas pose ques-

tions about the nature of reality and truth, probably epitomized in Six Characters in Search of an Author, arguably his most popu-Pirandello isn't exactly pop theater, so applause to the Sifria Theater in Ramat Gan for mounting the kind of production that our repertory theaters should be doing more of. The play also stars Rosina Kambos as the sympathetic Marquise Matilda, and Yoram Toledano as Henry's nemesis, the Baron Belcredi. The play opens Friday.









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cation against the king and his people in 1077. Pirandello's play veers between this century and the supposed Middle Ages. For 20 years, Henry, an Italian

aristocrat, bas imagined himself to be the king, following a kick in the head from his borse, and for 20 years his family and friends have tried to cure a man who admits (to the audience) that's he's as sane as you or l.

Two characters who have found an author: Rosina Kambos and Dov Reiser star in Pirandello's 'Henry IV.'

instead."

classical music."

### **The Jewish-American 'Flower of God' returns**

FTER an absence of seven years, Murray Perahia -Perah-ya means the "flower of God" - is back. The American Sephardi pianist who now lives in London is to play works by Mozart and Schumann with the Israel Philbarmonic Orchestra (under Michael Stern) in a regular subscription series.

And next week he will play Beethoven's Fourth Piano Concerto, under Zubin Mehta, as part of the IPO's 60th anniversary celebrations.

He attributes his absence from our concert stages to "an infection in my finger which was analyzed wrong. There was one year in

Verdi) Orchester der Oper Zurich, Franz Welser-Most, EMI

N recent years, a number of

opera albums have appeared

with no singing. This is a

throwback to the 19th century,

when composers arranged oper-

atic arias and ensembles for vari-

ous instruments, paricularly the

piano. Liszt's piano arrange-

ments for the operas of Wagner

and Verdi are masterpieces of

The newest opera disc of this

kind comes from clarinet virtu-

oso Sabine Meyer, and it is one

of the most engaging opera discs

I have beard in a long time.

Meyer beguiles ber listeners

from the very opening number -

a 12-minute arrangement of

themes from Rigoletto. It takes

time to get used to the lack of

words and to the overwhelming

presence of the clarinet, but

Meyer plays with lush warmth

Other numbers follow with the

and amazing virtuosity.

their kind.

Classics (7243 5 56137 21).

which I did not play at all." An exclusive recording artist with Sony (formerly CBS) for 25 years, with more than 30 discs to his credit, Perahia's recordings have always been very popular. The newest one is of sonatas by Scarlatti and Handel, and a new recording of the Schumann concerto is due next year. He is also about to perform and

record Bach for the first time, starting with the English Suites. Perahia enjoys playing in the recording studio. "Of course immediacy is facking but you can have enough time to work on each

piece. On the other hand, if you record

#### MICHAEL AJZENSTADT

live in a concert and you play wrong notes it's not so pleasant to hear them more than once."

Born to an Orthodox Jewish family - his father came to New York from Saloniki - he had a very clear Jewish upbringing, which he is now passing on to his own two children, aged nine and 13. His wife Naomi is of Jewish Iraqi descent

As a child Perahia spoke Ladino at home, and he appreciates the fact that "my parents let me do what I wanted musically. I am the only musician in the family. " I believe my father wanted to

be a musician but back in Greece changed through the years. his father thought it was unaccept-Speaking about Mozart piano conable. My father weni every certi, for which he became famous Saturday to the Metropolitan very early in his career, he says that "I think I see the unity more Opera in New York. I know be wanted to take my mother but she now, instead of many beautiful was bored stiff so he took me details."

The Mozart piano concerto These days, he says, "Fewer (K.491) he plays this week (tomorrow, people and no young people come Thursday and Saturday) with the IPO is "one of to concerts. Our culture values instant gratification. ... I can't even the two Mozart wrote in the minor get my two children to listen to key - which was very dramatic for bim

After 25 years of a hectic career, Perahia does not yet know when Perahia, who will be 50 in April, he will be back in Israel, but he promises to return. believes his overall playing has

Denzel Washington, Kevin Costner, Sylvester Stallone and Paul Newman. The highest-ranked actress, Demi Moore, came in at only Tom Gross No. 14 spot.

### Discovery Channel, BBC team up in major venture

HE Discovery Channel announced last week that it had teamed up with the BBC in a \$500 million venture to make programs and launch new channels.

It said in a statement that Discovery Communications Inc., the parent of cable television's Discovery Channel, and BBC Worldwide Ltd., the state-owned BBC's commercial arm, would launch new channels in the US and elsewhere, creating hundreds of hours of new programs.

It said Discovery would finance the venture, which would have access to the BBC's vast program library.

The statement quoted Discovery founder John S. Hendricks, who part-owns the company, as saving: "I can't think of a better partner for what I'm sure will be a very exciting journey." The statement did not say what

kind of programs the venture would make, but both Discovery Channel and the BBC are strong in wildlife and environmental programs.

Discovery Communications is owned by Liberty Media Corp, a division of Tele-Communications Cox Communications, Inc. Advance Newhouse Communications and Hendricks.

(Reuter)



### Opera – minus the voices Sabine Meyer. A Night at the CLASSIC DISCS Opera. (Mozart, Rossini, Weber,

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is Tamino's aria from Die Zauberflöte, an aria from Der Freischütz, a Danzi arrangement of Mozart's "La Ci Darem la Mano" from Don Giovanni, and a great arrangement of Figaro's aria from Il Barbiere di Siviglia. Of course, opera will always be a verbal art form.

But this captivating disc suggests that the power and magic of the great opera arias and duets lies far beyond its immediate dramatic context.

Copland: Piano quartet, Sonata for violin and piano, Rodeo (solo piann version). Duo for flute and piano. Soloists of the New York Philharmonic Orchestra - Glenn Dicterow, Charles Rex, Rebecca Young, Alou Stepansky, Jeanne Baxtresser; Israela Margalit Anglo-American Chamber Music series. EMI Classics (7243 5 55405 22).

EMI's Anglo-American Chamber same dexterity and poise. There Music Series, conceived and

(piano).

artistically directed by Israela Margalit, is a real winner. Margalit managed to engage some of her musical friends to perform neglected chambermusic masterpieces, and the result is most engaging and revealing alike. The Copland disc, on which

Margalit shines throughout, is the real winner. Margalit's rendition of the piano version of the Rodeo ballet suite is simply stunning.

The orchestral colors to help her, Margalit manages to draw in front of us an American portrait of a society which loves the notion of life.

It is a powerful performance which is coupled by some other little-known Copland works, like the engaging and powerful Sonata for Violin and Piano, and the beguiling, gripping and bril-liantly written Piano Quartet. Copland (1900-1990) was one

of America's greatest composers, a musician writing very much in the European tradition yet building from it a very specific American musical language.



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### Ending the pain

HERE are more doctors in Israel per person than in any other oation in the world. Israeli medical care is world class and constantly improving. Yet in at least one area. the treatment of pain, many Israeli doctors remain in the dark ages - not for lack of equipment or funds, but out of inexcusable ignorance. Pain is one of the most common manifestations of cancer and one of the most feared consequences of the disease. A third to a half of patients with early stage cancer, and 70 to 90 percent of patients with advanced cancer suffer pain. An indication of the suffering of these patients is that extreme pain bas been found to be the most important factor leading cancer patients to request euthanasia or assisted suicide.

A survey of Israeli doctors released at last week's annual meeting of the Israeli Pain Society found that almost three-fifths believe that pain could be cootrolled in more than 75 percent of patients. In their own experience, however, only 17% felt that such a degree of success is actually being achieved.

There is evideotly a substantial gap between the amount of pain that doctors know can be relieved, and the actual application of pain relief. The doctors surveyed also pointed to the reasons for this gap: failure to assess pain, ignorance of pain treatment methods, reluctance to presence certain drugs, and finally, patieot reluctance to use certain drugs.

The good news is that pain can be relieved, and that many doctors recognize that pain is being under-treated. Each of the reasons for under-treatment can be addressed. But pain will not be properly treated unless doctors and nurses are trained to identify it. Patients must be asked whether they are in pain, and patients' complaints of pain should oot be dismissed. Pain is a subjective experience, so there is no clear cut way of objectively measuring pain.

Despite this, pain can be assessed, tracked, and treated like other patient symptoms. The Canadian Medical Association has recommended that pain be recognized as a fifth vital sign, along with temperature, blood pressure, respiration, and beart rate. In light of this, Canadian bospitals will be required to chart pain as they cbart other vital signs in order to receive accreditation.

Doctors, understandably, tend to focus' on symptoms that are easily measured. The chart-

ment have been offered, but it is still not possible for local doctors or nurses to specialize in the field.

Clearly, education regarding established paincontrol methods should become standard in Israeli medical schools. Hospitals should also issue guidelines that will prompt doctors to remedy deficieocies in their own training for the reduction of pain. It is oot acceptable for patients to suffer from treatable pain simply because of their doctor's ignorance.

The effective treatment of pain is also bobbled by myths that are prevalent both among doctors and the public at large. Morphine and other opioid drugs have been stigmatized as addictive. In fact, every major study of the matter has found that the risk of addiction to morphine is very low, probably as low as one in 10,000. Every medical panel that has examined the issue has concluded that it makes no sense for patients to suffer debilitating pain to avoid a minuscule risk of addictioo.

In recognition of this consensus, a Ministry of Health committee has approved the removal or modification of oumerous limits oo the prescriptioo of morphine-like drugs for the reduction of pain. The new regulations, oow awaiting legal approval, would remove significant impediments to pain reductioo and should be implemented as soon as possible.

Many doctors and patients, who are unfamiliar with the curreot consensus oo pain management, believe that patients will usually develop a tolerance to stroog pain killers that render them ineffective. This, too, has been clinically demonstrated to be a myth.

It is also a misconception that stroog pain killers will destroy the patient's ability to function normally. Studies indicate that, with today's pain-management techniques, most pain can be relieved with minimal or no side effects. While the education of doctors will go a long

way in educating the public on treating pain, the public can also lead the way. Some people think it is wrong to complain about pain, or believe that drugs are worse than the pain. If people were more aware that pain can and should be treated, they would demand such treatment from the health-care system and speed the educatiooal process.

A recent editorial in the journal Cancer stated, "That there is so much suffering that could be controlled [and] that is not is, at best, unfortuoate and at worst, an indictment of professional standards." Israel is moving in the right directioo to alter these standards, but not quickly enough. It is a slow process, as the professional responsibility for remedying the situation lies with the Ministry of Health, the medical schools, hospital administrators, and health clinics. But beneath this clinical view lies the common denominator that unites all who suffer pain. As Hippocrates, author of the physician's credo known as the Hippocratic Oath, said, "Divine is the effort to subdue pain." Our moral imperative is to strive urgently to subdue this most basic and debilitating form of suffering.

What do they do?

### DAVID NEWMAN

Association holds its annual conference, in Tel Aviv. "Ugh!" I can bear people saying, "What a bore!" as they remember high school, where they were forced to learn the names of rivers and capital cities ad nauseam, or perhaps the differences between types of climates or landforms.

**OPINION** 

How often 1 am greeted with the question, "So you're a professor of geography? Then can you tell me the name of the capital city of

The geographers' palette comprises the shades and colors of

human activity

Nepal, or the river that flows through Mongolia?"

Expected to be the world's best travel agent l encounter blank stares when - as often happens - I am as ignorant of the answers as the average person. There can be few disciplines in the modern world where as great a chasm exists between practice and external perceptions.

Geography is an exciting profession, but few oon-geographers have much idea what it is geographers actually do.

And geographers themselves have become so self-conscious that many spend much of their professional life justifying themselves to the outside world or, as is often the case, finding an alternative label for their work.

Let's take a look at the program of today's conference, which, by the way, approximately 300 geographers, planners, geomorphologists, environmentalists and policy makers are expected to attend.

ODAY the Israel Geographical There are sessions on topics covering the whole range of physical and human landscape formation. Geographers don't just study the way our spaces and territories were formed in the past; they are also actively involved in planning how these places and spaces should (and maybe will) be planned in the future. In Israel geographers sit on numerous governmental committees which determine how our land is to be zoned, where settlements should he located, how our environment is to be preserved, to which areas scarce resources should be allocated - even how the future maps of Israel and the

Palestinian Authority should be drawn up and demarcated. Geography graduates are fortu-nate; they have a wide range of practical job opportunities, and can be found working in many government ministries and planning agencies.

BUT, some still ask, what do geo-graphers actually deal with? Well, the wide-ranging, somewhat eclectic, list of topics suggests that the answer could be: just about anything they can lay their hands on. Geography is, by definition, a diverse profession. It is a form of national unity government, one which comprises all shades and colors of human activity, seeking to draw them together under a territorial umbrella. If geographers are critical of other disciplines it it is that many other social scientists view the world as if everything were hap-

pening oo top of a needle-point. The political scientist and the sociologists don't pay enough attention to the fact that differences in society are affected by, and in turn affect, the types of places in which we live, in which we function on a daily basis. Spatial differentiation is central



to our understanding of society's functioning. It isn't just the "how" and the "when" that should inter-est us, but the "where" too.

And it is significant that in the social science literature of the "postmodern" era, where boundaries between disciplines are supposedly vanishing, the sociologists, economists and political scientists have suddenly discovered the importance of space and place. Their journals have become full of articles dealing with topics that have been central to geographers for decades. If this all sounds like a pitch for

case.

geography... well, it is. It was Warren Christopher who,

on a helicopter tour of the West Bank and Golan Heights, is said to have commented that he hadn't realized how important an understanding of geography was to a full acquaintance with the intricacies of the Arab-Israel conflict. Ladies and gentlemen, I rest my

The writer is professor of political geography and director of the Humphrey Institute of Social Research at Ben-Gurion University.



F some diabolical genius sought to estrange secular Israelis even further from Judaism and, while he was at it, deepen social rifts and send our level of social discourse plummeting even further, he couldn't have dreamt up a more brilliant notion than a haredi demonstratioo in Tel Aviv against the Shabbat behavior of Tel'Avivians.

The dreary scenario, so familiar in Jerusalem, repeats itself in the city by the sea as a black mass of haredim denounce the secularists while a countermass of Meretz and other secularists denounce the haredim.

Placards, jeering, name-calling. My way of life is great, yours stinks.... Nope, you've got it

### **DAVID HORNIK**

ly counterposed to the "medieval ghetto" of the haredim. I don't miss America's social The haredim regard their way of problems - considerably worse than Israel's - but I do miss the life as definitively perfect. For

What really hurts is the sheer stupidity of the religious-secular 'debate'

capacity to talk about them more intelligently. In the US it's a given that one

giously different.

them it's a great, God-ordained thing that able-bodied and ableminded men live as wards of the lives in the 20th century; what's in state on tiny stipends, ignorant of the arts or sciences, useless to question is whether that's an unalboth workforce and army. And if loyed good. The liberals see

extremism on both sides I don't want to suggest the two camps are equivalent. When it comes to deoying the other side's adult autonomy, regarding one's opponents as ignorant babes at best, the haredim take the credit. It's evident from their behavior.

If they understood anything at all about secular. Tel Avivians they'd know that the very last thing that could incline them more toward Judaism is a black castigating throng from Jerosalem.

The secularists may disapprove of haredi religious ideology, but they grant that it is a real and powerful force. The haredim, however, refuse to grant that modern, liberal secularism is a legitimate ide-

ing of pain would instantly increase the awareness of both doctors and patients that pain is a measurable symptom that patients have a right to have monitored and treated.

And once pain is registered, doctors would have grounds to take action - if they knew what to do. Despite the high quality of Israeli medical schools, 89 perceot of the Israeli doctors polled in the just-released survey rated their own medical school training in the management of pain as poor or very poor. There are no formal courses on palliative medicine in any of Israel's four medical schools. Palliative care is not a required subject for doctors, even for oncologists. Just this year, post-graduate courses in pain managewrong - it's my way of life that's great, yours that stinks. It reminds me of the kind of tit

for tat I used to have with my sister when we were small.

What neither side, haredim nor extreme secularists, suspects for a moment is that they resemble each other. Each bas a stringeot requirement for Israeli society; each wants everyone to be the way they are.

The haredim want everyone to be haredi. The extreme secularists claim to be paragons of tolerance and pluralism, yet tend to be full of contempt, even hatred, toward those who are politically or reli-

change as progress and champion new trends; the conservatives think things have gone too far too fast, and that some infusion of old values and standards is needed. Both sides write thought-pro-

voking articles and books and are genuinely exposed to each other's ideas. Here, instead of conservatives

and liberals, the debate (if you can call it that) is between "Jewish Khomeinis" and "Hebrew-speaking goyim." About 90 perceot of Israeli Jews

live in modern society but can't think about it critically because they tend to see it as monolithical-

every woman is forced to bear 10 children, barred from every dimension of life but the domestic one - that is the Way, the Torah.

But to the vociferous secularists, egged oo by haredi condemnation of their life-style, everything about modern life has to be wonderful too, above scrutiny.

In my experience with left-wing secularists, talk about even things like rising divorce and drug use, like teenagers roaming the streets all night and feeling closer to MTV than to the Bible is met with defensiveness rather than honesty.

YET despite the mirror-image

The Sephardim, "Oriental" Jews

Today the Ashkenazi haredim

Where the great difference has

still have only four Knesset seats

and the National Religious Party

taken place is in the third group -

is down to nine.

ology, one adhered to not out of ignorance but because people believe in it.

Beyond that, much as I object to some of the views of the left-wing secularists I have a big thing in common with them: We serve in the same army. We're willing to risk, sometimes even lose, our lives for each other's sake.

That makes me feel a bond with my political opponents on the left that I can never feel with the great majority of haredim. I'm sure I'm oot alone.

The writer is a writer and translator living in Jerusalem.

General Zionists in the course of

the second Knesset) became the

10 followers of Rabbi Ovadia

Yosef - who dress like the

Lithuanian Jews, even though

these latter regard them as inferi-

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another major failure of the secu-

But the problem of extremist

religious dominance is smaller

than it might at first seem, since I

as being among the Ashkenazim,

and not among the Sephardi hared-im. There is thus no earthly reason

why we should not be able to con-

front it, employing wisdom, deter-

Those who hold that Hitler

came to power because some of us

desecrated Shabbat and are pork

(as was recently suggested) have

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### SCITEX

Sir, - As a shareholder, I have a question relating to the sorry saga of Sciter.

How is it that no legal or class action has been taken against a board of directors and management that knowingly turned down a seri-ous offer of \$25 per share, while being aware of the true loss position the company was in, and wheo further growth became downsizing?

Surely, under these conditions, it is the responsibility of the managers and directors to look after their shareholders' best interest, not only their own and that of major backers - Clal and Discount Investments.

JACQUELINE HANAUER Kfar Sava.

### HOOLIGANISM

Sir. - I would like to take this opportunity to apologize for the behavior of the US Marines recently in port in Haifa. As an American civilian cur-

rently living in Israel, I was attempting to show this beautiful and historic city to a visiting friend, when we had the misfortune to find the city overrun by huodreds of riotous Marines. Their complete disregard for the hospitable efforts of their hosts, the people and merchants of Haifa, was only outdone by these soldiers' active and conscious effort to abuse and insult these Israelis.

In a mere two hours I witnessed a handful of fights, three separate acts of blatant vandalism, and in general, the type of ignorant, childish misbehavior only to he defined as hooliganism.

ZACH ROTHENBERG Ma'ayan Zvi,

Sir, - I am writing with refer-ence to an article published in The Jerusalem Post on August 8. Of particular interest and concern to Jane's was the sentence: "All the more reason to be surprised at the major bloomer in its latest Sentinel publication, where it claims Israeli operatives are even now secretly spying in the US." This caused concern since

"JANE'S"

nowhere in the publication in question, Jane's Sentinel-Eastern Mediterranean, is there any mention of Israeh spies currently operating in the US. For your readers' information, I would like to point out that Jane's has a strict policy never to publish classified or unsourced information. All the information in Jane's publications is checked by a minimum of two independent sources.

We are confident that the information published io Jane's Sentinel was correct at time of going to press and feel that your readers should be informed accordingly.

SARAH THOMAS, Publishing Director, Jane's Information Group London

Sir, - I write to clarify two misunderstandings about my professional title and role that were uointeotionally implied in the insightful article by Steve Rodan on November 22 about a Khan Yunis Cleanup Day, financed by the European Union as part of the training of Gaza Community Workers by Interas for Peace. First, although I do not have a congregation, I still serve as a rabbi in Israel" and retain the title.

### **OUT OF CONTEXT** Sir, - Watching the videotape of

the two border policemeo hitting Palestinian detainees on Mabat on November 18, I couldn't help wondering if Channel 1 had become a propaganda outlet for the PA. In showing the footage, Channel 1 oot only acted irresponsibly, but most definitely against the national interest of Israel.

To be sure, the kicking and hitting of the Palestinians looks brutal from he comfort of one's living room. But it should be kept in mind that such bullying of prisoners is far from uncommon in police deteotioo centers around the world, even in countries oot facing

any particular security threat. By airing the footage, Channel 1 certainly ensured that reports of Israeli brutality would be played around the world. From past experience, it is sure that the world media showed the film without context or background - namely, that the beatings occurred amid a massive security alert for would-be

suicide bombers and following a "shooting war" when Palestinians gunned down border policemen. ED LION

#### Jerusalem.

#### **INTERNS FOR PEACE**

binate dedicated to fulfilling the mitzva, repeated 36 times in the Torah, "Welcome the stranger in your midst, for you were once strangers in the Land of Egypt." Second, I am not a "US-based director," but an international director, who travels continuously to oversee the Interns for Peace offices and operations in Tel Aviv, Gaza, New York and Europe.

RABBI BRUCE M. COHEN. International Director, My inter-group relations work in Interns for Peace Israel and abroad constitutes a rab-Tel Aviv.

S ECULAR Zionism's tragedy is that it hasn't developed a religious-spiritual alternative to either the haredi or extremechauvinist variety of Judaism, one free of narrow-mindedness, intolerance, hatred and racism.

It is this failure that made us seculars feel so powerless in the face of last week's muscle-flexing by local representatives of the Middle Ages.

Sbas's Rabbi Ovadia Yosef quoted the biblical passage in which a Sabbath desecrator "must surely die."

At whose hand? The rabbi didn't elaborate. But can he have cited the verse with any other intent but to make us "goyim" squirm?

Yet we oughin't to feel so helpless, for our predicament is largely psychological.

We seculars tend to forget that it was precisely against this fanatical interpretation of Judaism that our grandfathers revolted, shedding the old ways that to them seemed the source of much of the misery of the Jews in Eastern Europe.

At the beginning of the century my maternal grandfather, who was born in Russia, refused to join his grandfather who had come to die in Jerusalem because the old man insisted that he study at a yeshiva. My grandfather wanted to be a farmer in Eretz Yisrael and he realized his dream in 1932, over two decades after his grandfather was buried oo the Mount of Olives.

At the beginning of the century my Polish-born maternal grandmother took off at the age of 18 for the US, her 15-year-old sister in tow, because she abhorred the life-style of her parents, refused to be married off by means of a shid-

duch and wanted to be free. Hamizrahi and eight from Hapoel My grandparents knew exactly Hamizrahi). what they were revolting against. and Yemenites were represented Their secularism was the outcome of a deliberate decision, not of ignorance. by five MKs belonging to two non-religious ethnic parties. THE PROBLEM is that today's

secular youngsters are ignorant. Those who feel a need to return to religion generally believe that the intolerant, fanatical interpretation of Judaism - the one that mani-

- is "the real thing."

cinating:

Our local representatives of the Middle. Ages make us secularists squirm - but we are stronger than we think

Weakness mostly in the mind

SUSAN HATTIS ROLEF

fested itself in Tel Aviv last week the so-called Sephardi Jews (Shas)

POSTSCRIPTS

Netanyahu made two mistakes when posing with his wife and sons as be lit the Hanukka candles in his office on the first night of the holiday.

1949, there were 18 religious MKs, who were elected within the among his religious coalition partframework of the United ners, the photograph (published in Religious Front. Of these 18 MKs all the papers) shows him lighting four were haredi-Ashkenazi (two the candles on the wrong side. from Agudat Yisrael and two from Any observant Jew knows that the Poalei Agudat Yisrael) and 12 first candle must be placed on the were national-religious (four from right end of the hanukkiya and not

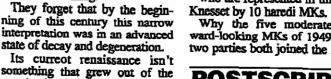
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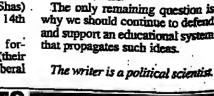
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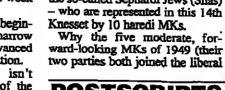


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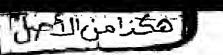
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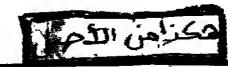


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President Clinton fared better

Judy Sugel





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# What Has the Computer Done for Us Lately?

### By LOUIS UCHITELLE

**Bit Player** 

T the end of the 19th century, railroads and electric motors were expected to transform America, making a young industrial economy far more productive than any seen before. And they did. At the eod of the 20th century, computers were supposed to perform the same miracle. They haven't.

Computers do wonderful things. But in purely economic terms, their contributioo has been less than a transforming force: they have failed to hring hack the strong growth that characterized so many decades of the American Century. By that standard, they have been a disappointment "It is a pipe dream to think that

computers will lead us back to a promised land," said Alan Krueger, a Princeton University economist. The issoe is productivity. Those

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America is all wired up - and still awaiting that big surge in productivity.

who look to computers for economic miracles, and there are many, insist that measuring their contribution only in dollars misses the less tangible improvement in quality that com-puters bave made possible. But quality is often to the eyes of the beholders rather than in their wallets.

Through decades of invention and change, productivity has been measured as the amount of "output," in dollars, that comes from an hour of labor. A worker who makes 100 pencils in an hour, each valued at 50 ceots, produces \$50 of output. And the more output from each of the natioo's workers, the greater the national wealth.

Or, put more broadly, productivity is the amount of output in dollars



that comes from various "inputs," oot only a worker's labor, but the tools he or she uses to carry out that labor: a machine or a computer or a wrench or an air cooditiooer that makes work more comfortable in summer. People work faster or concentrate better, and that shows up quickly in tangible output.

By this definition, the output resulting from the computer revolution of the last 25 years has been disappointing. Computers have, of course, contributed to productivity and eco-

A technological miracle was the Ferranti Pegasus computer, designed in Britain in the 1950's for operation from the office desktop. The world still awaits an economic miracle. nomic growth. But that contribution sluggish economic performance has failed to register in Government sluggish, that is, relative to earlier statistics as the kind of robust catadecades lyst that made the 1950's and 1960's

such prosperous years.

If computers have fallen short of

expectations, that would belp explain

an apparent paradox that has puz-

zled economists and policy makers

for two decades: how rapid techno-

One possibility is that the statistics are wrong. A panel of economists came to this conclusion in a report to Congress last week, suggesting that growth has actually been quite rohust but that this fact has been obscured by overstating the amount of logical progress and a booming stock output lost to inflation. This hapmarket took place during a period of . pened, the panel hinted, partly be-

cause the beneficial economic role of computers was not correctly taken into account. Some price increases that registered as inflation should really have registered as increases in output from computers.

### Like Light Bulbs

But there is another explanation. Perhaps the computer is one of those inventions, like the light bulb early in

the ceotury, that makes life much better without adding as much to tangible oational wealth as appearances might suggest. That is because, while the light bulb allowed factories to operate night shifts and students to study more easily, the measurable result was less impressive than the great improvement in the quality of life that the electric light bulh made possible. Given the computer's ubiquity and

convenience, should the calculation of productivity and wealth be changed to give more dollar value to the conthe computer veniences wrought?

That kind of recalculation has not been dooe over generations of technological change, largely because convenience is too hard to quantify and translate into dollars. Too ofteo, con-

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Fighting International Crime

### The Striped-Pants Crowd Gets Gumshoes

### By STEVEN LEE MYERS

WASHINGTON EW YORK CITY'S Police Commissioner, Howard Safir, stepped into a diplomatic mess last month when he went to the Dominican Republic with a plan to station a few of the city's police officers in Santo Domingo. The very idea stirred the fury of Dominican oationalism and fears of Yankee Imperialism. The nation's new President, Leonel Fernández Reyna, took to ridiculing it. And the modest plan to try to staunch the flow of drugs and fughtives between the island natioo and Upper Manhattan appeared to wither in a diplomatic tempest.

The row, however, obscured an increasingly fundamental fact of American life and law enforcement:

Like almost everything else in the global village, the fight against crime is increasingly international. And that has raised new concerns not only for the United States' law enforcement officials - from the Federal Burean of Investigation to the Central Intelligence Agency - but also for its diplomats.

No longer simply an overseas matter for the long arm of American justice, international crime is increasingly seen as a threat to national security itself, requiring the energy and resources of virtually every agency of the Government.

International crime is not new, but the end of the cold war and the subsequent opening of societies have



Vyacheslav K. Ivankov, a Russian émigré convicted last year of extortion, in custody in New York in 1995.

led to a vast increase in crimes that transcend borders. The growing freedom of travel and the explosion in technology - computers, cellular phooes, beepers, faxes - have made criminals more oimble and brazen.

And the nature of their crimes has changed. They are no longer limited to drugs, terrorism and the occasional flight from justice. Increasingly there's money laundering, kidnapping, smuggling, credit card scams, even auto theft.

In addition, the United States seems far more willing to confront international crime - not quite the same attitude as in the days when a drug smuggler could be useful in operations against the Communists.

In other words, the sudden lack of a sense of mortal peril leaves America free to focus its high dudgeon on organized crime cells in Russia - cells that got their start in the black markets of the Soviet Union and have since spawned complex criminal enterprises of fraud and extortion, often reaching into the United States. Or to focus on groups in Latin America and Nigeria that once trafficked mostly in drugs and now also commit white-collar crimes involving high finance.

For the new foreign policy team announced by President Clinton last week - Madeleine K. Albright as Secretary of State, William S. Cohen as Secretary of Defense, Anthony Lake as Director of Central Intelligence and Samuel R. Berger as national security adviser - international crime is very likely to become an

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## Ideas & Trends

# Reading at 55 Miles Per Hour

### By ADAM BRYANT

DD this to the list of things dangerous to your health: verbose signs. That at least was the message of a jury in Dallas that recently penalized American Airlines \$20 million for its five-story-high electronic signs near the airport. It seems that one of those signs full of gate and flight information may have been the culprit in a rear-end collision at the airport in December 1993. Two passengers in the ramming car were hurt, and sued the airline, claiming their driver was distracted by the signs. The jury decided that American Airlines had hrushed off warnings from traffic experts that the signs were indeed a hazard.

Everyone knows that signs can be annoylng: a New York lawyer was so angry about a neon sign installed above his second-story window by the takeout chicken franchise downstairs that he hung a "BAD FOOD" sign in his window. (The case inspired a recent episode of "Seinfeld.") But can signs actually he dangerous?

Ask the New Jersey Turnpike Authority. Officials there, considering whether to put up billboards of their own and rent out the space to advertisers, researched the dangers of billboards.

### The Cost of Looking

One report said some studies had indeed found a link between billboards and "distraction induced" accidents. It also cited a California study that found the average accident rates were 41 percent greater when hillboards were around. (Of course, advertisers tend to prefer hillboards in heavy-traffic



The face that stopped a thousand cars.

areas, which might explain the accident rate).

Other research, however, found no link whatsoever. And that was the guidance the New Jersey Turopike Authority chose to follow. In June, the authority voted to put up hillboards for advertisements, which will hring in about \$I million a year.

Where does that leave giant roadside televisions?

In 1990, when Sony put up the Jumbotron in Times Square, the New York City Department of Transportation fretted about safety. The department sent traffic engineers to study whether the screen — which on occaRoadside billboards don't have to say, 'Yo! Look up!' to cause trouble on the ground.

sion demanded attention by flashing "Yo! Look up!" — was affecting the flow of cars. But apparently, traffic in Times Square was just as horrible before the screen went up. Sony said it has not been sued for causing any accidents.

Chicago has done its own informal study. In March, a clothing store painted a threestory'-high likeness of Dennis Rodman, the larger-than-life basketball star of the Chicago Bulls, on the side of a warehouse along an expressway oear downtown. At the time, Mr. Rodman was very much in the news he had just been suspended for butting an official with his hrightly colored head. So, the mural grabbed the attention of more than a few drivers.

All the "gapers and gawkers," as Chicagn's transportation officials called them, caused traffic to slow to a halt, as they checked out Mr. Rodman in a sleeveless suit, exposing his tattooed arms. Some drivers pulled over to take pictures. Others just kept driving — right into the cars in front of them.

Gene Silverberg, the chief executive of the clothing retailer that sponsored the portrait, decided that the giant Rodman had to go. "If someone had gotten hurt, the joke would have worn thin," he said.



The long-winded billboard that cost American Airlines \$20 million in dented bumpers.

Mr. Rodman didn't like the verdict. "1 think they should leave it up," he said at the time. "It's not the fault of the people who put it up, it's the people who are driving."

In Dallas, some evidence points elsewhere. Police records show that 30 accidents over three years have been attributed to American Airlines's giant signs, and a 1994 study suggested that it takes the average person 3 to 10 seconds to digest the sign's information. Still, the airline Is angry about the verdict on its electronic signs, grumbling that the car accident was nothing more than a garden-variety rear-end collision. Nonetheless, it unplugged the signs on Friday while it appealed the verdict. Now American Airlines passengers in Dallas can get their gate information over the phone. The question is: who will be hlamed for fender benders caused by late travelers dialing their car phones?



# What Has the Computer Done for America Lately?

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venlence increases consumption more than production. With computers, "most of the recent use has been on the consumption side," said Zvi Griliches, a Harvard economist. "The time you waste surfing the Internet is not an output,"

Others take a hroader view. Children using home computers for schoolwork — gathering data from the Internet, for example — become better students, they say. In time, that will translate into rising workplace skills and greater measurable output. But it hasn't yet, and standard practice dictates that the nation wait until it shows up in the numbers before proclaiming the computer's great cootribution to productivity.

"People have high expectations of this happening overnight," said Nathan Rosenberg, an economic historian at Stanford Uoiversity. "Computers are a major innovation, but absorbing so great an innovation involves many changes in work practices and behavior." Instead of more efficient production, the office of the 1990's has junk E-mail and electronic solitaire.

accuracy would allow him to raise his bourly fee, or. "output," to \$70 an hour, a handsome improvement in his productivity.

There are other problems. The automated teller machine, for example, illustrates how measurable productivity has falled to respond fully ment. A half-dozen machines installed in a bank's lobby permit the bank to cut its teller staff by half. That is clearly measurable productivity. The bank's income, or output, from bank transactions remains unchanged, but the input in teller hours goes down. The idled tellers can shift to other income-producing activities, perhaps becoming loan officers. To make the productivity rate continue rising, however, the bank must continue cutting teller hours as it installs more A.T.M.'s. Instead, the next machines go to a dozen outlying neighborhoods, so that customers can bank at odd hours, almost at their doorsteps, or verify the balances in their checking accounts, something they did not bother to do very often before A.T.M.'s. That is convenience. Most banks don't charge extra fees for this convenience. If they had no neighborhood A.T.M.'s, then customers would have found themselves forced to use the machines already installed in the lobbies of their banks. "The question is, how much would you have been willing to pay in fees for the convenience of having that neighborhood A.T.M. if the banks refused to furnish them otherwise?" said Erich Brynjolfsson, an economist at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology's Sloan School of Business. "That would then enter into measurable output' Through a survey, Mr. Brynjolfsson tried to calculate what additional amounts Americans would pay for hundreds of conveniences that computers make possible. He came up with a total of \$70 billion in additional output. That would add only one-tenth of one percent to the national wealth, which is the value of all the goods and services produced in the United States in a year - hardly enough to get economic growth back to the rates (at least 3 percent a year) that were characteristic of the 1959's and 1960's.

National standards in Japan include rote learning and entrance tests. An English class in Tokyo, above.

### Building Better Schools One Size Doesn't Fit

#### By PETER APPLEBOME

N almost any other country in the world, the announcement would have caused yawns. But when New York City's Schonls Chancellor, Rudy Crew, proposed last week that local schools adopt voluntary, privately developed national education standards, he was touching on ooe of the great fault lines of American learning: the divisive issue of how to create standards and assessments that foster natiooal excellence in a country utterly committed to decentralized and locally controlled schooling.

#### **Applied Learning**

His proposal that the city adopt the recent guidelines developed by the New Standards project in Washington for math, English, science and "applied learning" — writing and math skills useful in the business world — might be evidence of some slow, creeping acceptance of the idea that America needs some agreed-upon rules for what schoolchildren should learn.

But Mr. Crew's gamhit also comes at a time when the notioo of standards and assessments of any kind flies in the face of the local nature of American educatioo and of fierce anti-Washington currents in the land. Most experts say that, for oow, the forces working against any form of natiooal standards are stronger than those pushing for them.

"Talk about political correctness," said Bruce Alberts, president of the National Academy of Sciences. "This Is political correctness, the way that everybody's so afraid to talk about anything national in education. Everyone is still afraid of saying the truth: that we'll get nowhere as a nation until we make use of all our resources and that there are some things all students should know regardless of what state they live in."

Pulling in one direction is a recognition that without higher standards America's educational performance is likely to continue faltering, as seen last month in the middle-of-the-pack performance by middle-school American children on international math and science tests. Mr. Alberts says those results are a perfect example of why this country needs to think seriously about standards of the kind adopted by most countries and nearly all those that scored best on the math and science comparisons like Singapore, Japan and Korea.

Pulling in the opposite direction is this country's history of education as a local enterprise and the anti-Washington mood that makes even the hint of a nationally standardized test or curriculum politically a loser. What emerges is an odd dance of trying to establish guides that would lift national achievement without ceding an iota of local control. "It's obvious that national standards or a national

test is oot going to do it," said Gov. Tommy G. Thompson of Wisconsin, co-chairperson of Achieve, the organization that grew out of the 1996 Education Summit held in Palisades, N.Y., to foster high standards. "People are going to rebel against any national standard, and it won't work. And politically it's just a nonstarter. The standards are going to have to come from the states." Achieve has raised \$5 million to act as a clearinghouse for state and local school districts on standards and assessments.

But Marc Tucker, co-director of New Standards, said that more telling than the political winds hlowing against natiooal standards is the consensus that has emerged about the need for standards and the recognition that it makes oo sense for each state to invent the wheel.

"What makes New York so significant," Mr. Tucker said. "is that Rudy Crew got up and hecame the first person in authority to say what our jurisdiction needs is

Americans say they want national educational standards, like Japan's, to improve pupil achievement. Don't believe it.

oational standards: we'll modify and adapt them as we see fit, hut they ought to be national standards. It reflects the degree to which the debate on standards has changed."

For now Achieve represents the political compromise, a oational organization with no Federal role and no ahility to mandate anything.

Advocates of standards, however, hope that states will in the end adopt standards on their own and that Texas students will learn most of the same things as Oregoo students.

Still, the process remains so tenuous that Mr. Thompson of Wisconsin did not hesitate when asked what qualities he wanted in the person now sought to run the organization.

"We're looking for a cross between Jesus Christ and Colin Powell and Moses and Solomon," he said.

### **Useless Power**

Right now, much of a personal computer's power goes untapped, or is employed in low-output tasks like sending and sorting through junk E-mail, compiling electronic Rolodexes and playing solitaire in the office. Harnessing a computer's spectacular ability to deliver. and manipulate information is not easy. Edward McKelvey, a senior economist at Goldman Sachs, offers a hypothetical illustration:

A consultant who charged \$50 an bour 10 years ago to forecast trends in the economy now has a powerful desktop computer at his fingertips, feeding him information that in theory should make his forecasts more accurate. But be still charges clients \$50 an hour because the forecasts, despite the computer, are not more accurate. Perhaps the consultant might never get that good at forecasting, even with a computer, or perhaps he will become so adept at extracting data from its depths that his forecasts will begin to hit the bull's eye. And that



### **A Little Help**

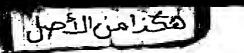
Still, computers and software in all their various forms make an important contribution. The national wealth — also known as the gross domestic product has risen at an annual rate of less than 2.5 percent, on average, in recent years. That includes a contribution of roughly four-tenths of a percentage point from computers and their trappings, according to the calculations of two Federal Reserve economists, Stephen D. Oliner and Daniel E. Sichel. Manufacturing and the telecommunications industry have benefited especially from computerization.

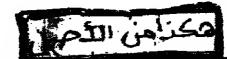
But why haven't computers lifted the overall economy the rest of the way back to 3 percent growth? One reasoo is that they represent only 2 percent of the nation's capital stock, which is all the existing machinery, equipment, factories and buildings that business uses to produce goods and services.

By comparison, railroads in their heyday represented more than 12 percent. And they became the tool for opening up frontier lands to agriculture, and to new cities and industries. At the same time, electric motors, replacing steam, gave the nation a much more flexible and efficient source of power, and made possible the assembly line. The output resulting from railroads and electric motors became enormous.

Perhaps there is some set of conditions, having no direct connection to computers, that must develop before American productivity and economic growth can return to the old levels — conditions like greater demand for the potential output from computers, or hegemony again in the global economy.

Or perhaps, as some economists say, we should lower our expectations.



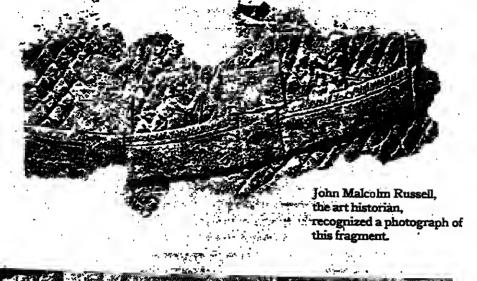


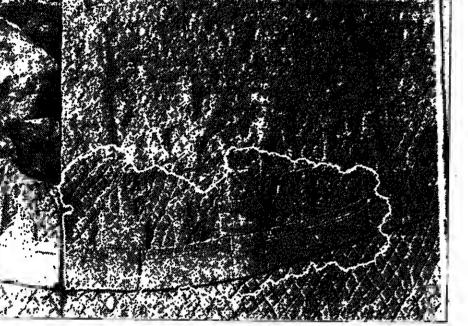


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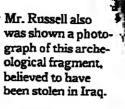
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# The World Ancient, Priceless And Gone With the War





The fragment, top, outlined on a 1990 photograph of detail from a sculpted slab.





A huge alabaster relief, with the fragment, top, outlined,

## From Paris With Love: Raspberries

By CRAIG R. WHITNEY

RANCE'S closes: friend through the years has probably been the United States, the ally the French most love to hate. President Jacques Chirac considers himself an Americanophile, but in France this term is relative. Like de Gaulle, Mr. Chirac has been poking the United States in the eye lately, making trouble for plans to reorganize the NATO alliance, among other things.

Why? When everything is going as badly as it has been lately for Mr. Chirac and his Prime Minister, Alain Juppé, the overbearing Americans are a handy diversionary target. The two French leaders are burdened with grave problems, ranging from the possible resurgence of Algerian-related terrorism to a stubborn unemployment rate - 12.6 percent - and their popularity ratings are at record lows.

Blaming German monetary conservatism is tempting but risky; the French simply can't afford to alienate the Germans. But the big, clumsy, affable Americans are used to tongue-lashings from the French, and so have become their favorite target.

"Treat your friends the way you would if they were going to become your enemies one day," the French statesman Cardinal Jules Mazarin wrote to himself in the 17th century. More recently, de Gaulle railed against American domination and pulled the French military out of NATO's integrated command structure. Now it is Mr. Chirac's turn.

A year ago, Mr. Chirac said he wanted France back in NATO's command structure, but now he says that can't happen because of America's refusal to consider ceding an important NATO command in Naples to European control (never mind that the biggest military asset of the Naples command, by far, is the mighty American Sixth Fleet). The French demand, coming on the heels of their failed effort to stop the United States from dumping Boutros Bou-

Think about it. Who can you most safely insult? Your old friends. Mais oui.

tros-Ghali as United Nations Secretary General, has snagged the reorganization plan, and the NATO foreign ministers will be unable to give it final approval when they meet in Brussels this week.

Is this mept? Not to the French.-Railing at American big business, protesting when McDonald's tries to infiltrate chic Parislan neighborhoods, and challenging American domination make up a popular national pastime, and popularity is one thing Mr. Chirac and Mr. Juppé badly need these days.



The archeological museum in Iraq that contained Assyrian carvings from the palace of Sennacherib, in 1990. The carvings were vandalized after the gulf war.

#### By BARBARA CROSSETTE

HE story begins about 27 centuries ago, when Seonacherib, King of Assyria, the greatest empire the world had known, failed to cooquer Jerusalem m 701 B.C.

"And that night, the angel of the Lord went forth and slew 185,000 m the camp of the Assyrians." the Bible says in 11 Kings 19. "Theo Sennacherib, King of Assyria, went home, and dwelt at Nineveh."

It wasn't his last defeat. Not by 2,697 years. Last month John Malcolm Russell, a Columbia University art historian who is one of the world's leading experts on Sennacherib's palace at Nineveh, got some wrenching news. An unknown seller was offering 10 pieces of art from ancient Mesopotamia, which is now southern Iraq. A lawyer for a prospective buyer, photos in hand, wanted to know: Did Mr. Russell think they might have been stolen?

"I knew right away where they were from," Mr. Russell said last week. The pictures were of fragments from magnificent alabaster reliefs that had lined the walls of the palace at least until 1990, when Mr. Russell photographed them on his last trip before the 1991 Persian Gulf war. Among those reliefs, part of an archeological site museum near the city of Mosul, were carvings telling the Assyrtan side of the Jerusalem campaign. Sennacherib's version was that the Israelites had paid tribute and he left.

But much bas happened since this century's war in the Persian Gulf. International sanctions bave impoverished the Iraqis, many of whom have sold family heirlooms for food. Today the country's archeological treasures are also up for sale.

The life and times of one of the world's greatest and oldest civilizations had been carved on massive stone slabs up to eight feet square. The photographs Mr. Russell saw were of fragments about a square foot in size hacked from those slabs.

"It only dawned on me a few hours later that wbat "It only dawned on me a few hours later that wbat this meant was that there was a pile of broken stone left behind," he said, "that what we had here was not just an act of vandalism and looting but a conservation emergency of the first magnitude."

Mr. Russell, author of "Sennacherib's Palace: Without Rival at Nineveh" (University of Chicago, 1991), says the exact extent of the damage is unknown. "I don't know if these are the only 10 pieces on the market. I'd be surprised. Ten sculptures from Sennacherib's palace is an unheard of number to appear on the market at once. When something appears in quantity like that, you've got to ask yourself, how can this be?" And who did it?

Mr. Russell has been called in as art sleuth before. Twice in 1995, a European museum asked his opinion on works believed to have been stolen from Iraq. In 1992 he and Julian Reade of the British Museum found a four-

### An unintended casualty of the gulf war has been Iraq's archeological wonders.

foot-by-six-foot Assyrian stone carving behind a thick coat of paint in the commissary of a boys' boarding school in Canford, England. The school sold it for \$12 million in 1994 to the Shumei Family Collection in Japan.

The story of the Canford sculpture and the connoisseurship of Lady Charlotte, a wealthy Victorian who built a pavilion for it and other Assyrian treasures, became another book by Mr. Russell, "From Nineveh to New York," to be published by Yale University Press in February. New York City's Metropolitan Museum bouses some of the collection.

Lady Charlotte was a cousin of Sir Austen Henry Layard, who excavated Sennacherib's palace in 1847 as well as other sites on commission from the British Museum. The carving recalling the confrontation at Jerusalem struck a chord in England during a period of religious doubt and scriptural revisionism. Fundamentalists seized on these "proofs."

Many poor countries with rich archeological sites cannot afford to safeguard them, and are vulnerable to smugglers. By almost all accounts, though, Iraq — even under Saddam Hussein — took good care of its rediscovered antiquities through most of this century. The sanctions against it have kept archeologists and art historians from the sites, and difficulties felt by Iraqis have made the country's centuries-old ruins prey to thieves, with or without the comivance of local officials. Most archeologists and diplomats believe that there is on high-level involvement in these thefts.

"Given the economic hardships that people are under, obviously there are many who resort to criminal acts to try to make some money," said Nizar Hamdoon, Iraq's representative at the United Nations. "There are a thousand sites that need to be guarded and provided with security. It is difficult for the antiquities establishment in Baghdad to find those resources."

Mr. Russell said that he thinks people who steal and sell items are paid a pittance, and that pieces small enough to be carted away on donkeys or in backpacks slip easily into Iran, Syria or Jordan. Once on the market, they change hands for thousands of dollars, often tens of thousands.

UNESCO, the United Nations cultural organization, has been denied permission to photograph and catalogue Iraqi sites by the Security Council Sanctions Committee. American diplomats said photographic equipment was denied entry because it was considered nonessential goods.

Mr. Russell, who alerted the United States Customs Service, Scotland Yard and arts organizations, hopes prospective buyers of Assyrian art will refuse pieces of uncertain origin, dampening the trade. "Iraq was a country that cherished its heritage and had an excellent antiquities department that carried on its work right through the miserable Iran-Iraq war," he said. "It's only with sanctions and the breakdown of the middle class — as groups of desperate people do desperate things — that we have a breakdown in the national will or pride in that heritage. This is fostered by desperation. It could happen anywhere." The source of most of the unhappiness is popular frustration with the high unemployment. Yet Mr. Chirac and his Prime Minister Insist that there is no choice but to keep reining in spending to qualify France under the stringent rules — rules that Germany insists upon — for the common European currency that is planned for the end of the decade.

How to make that grinch that stole-Christmas policy popular? Try this, from Mr. Chirac: "We need a correccy that is strong and powerful that would allow us to resist aberrant fluctuations in the dollar."

French politicians of every ideology think the Clinton Administration has been deliberately keeping the dollar weak. Thus, in their view, is how American companies like Boeing can underbid European companies like Airbus Industrie on world markets.

Educated to admire state interventionism since Jean-Baptiste Colbert ran the country under Louis XIV, the French are convinced that governments, not markets, set the value of currencies, and that official American pronouncements have more of a role in weakening the dollar than America's huge trade deficits do. That American Treasury Secretaries and Federal Reserve bankers keep saying they're for a strong dollar just seems to the French like cynical manipulation.

In France nothing is ever what it seems on the surface, so the French, using good Cartesian logic, think it can't be anywhere else, either.

And blaming the United States for their troubles is becoming more popular with the French, only 35 percent of whom, according to a recent Sofres poll for Le Monde and the RTL television network, like America these days, while 46 percent actively dislike it. Eight years ago, 54 percent expressed varying degrees of sympathy with the United States, cumpared with 38 percent who felt antipathy.

Ask the French these days what they associate with the United States and 59 percent of them say "violeoce," 57 percent say "power," 45 percent say "social inequalities" and 39 percent say "racism."

### The Indispensable American

Perhaps it's because they see so many American movies that they feel this way. The French flock to see American films in preference to their own, which the Government subsidizes in order to keep French cinema from beiog completely suffocated by Hollywood; November's runaway film favorites in Paris were "Independence Day" and "Mission Impossible," paeans to the invincible and omnipresent American (or at least, in "Mission Impossible," to Tom Cruise).

Repressed envy may be another reason why the French like Americans less these days. They certainly don't like to hear American politicians and economic experts tell them that the lower American minimum wage and a labor market that leaves employers freer to hire and fire are the main reasons the United States has created 8 million new jobs in the past four years and France has created none.

(This year, French truck drivers tied highways in knots until they won higher pay and the right to retire at age 55 instead of 60.)

De Gaulle used to say that France could fulfill its destiny for greatness by creating a united Europe, an idea that for him and for his successors has always been associated with challenging the United States.

When the European common currency that is causing such trouble here comes, Mr. Chirac says, "Europe will be the most important economic power in the world, at least for some time, and of course that would worry certain people here and there."

He named no names. But we know who we are,

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## **The World**

# Germans Find Order Is Just Their Speed

### By ALAN COWELL

BONN EEP in the bureaucracy, Frau Ratte lurks. Frau Ratte - the name translates literaly as Mrs. Rat - is a Bonn city official charged with sending out fines to motorists who run afoul of radar speed traps. Frau Ratte is a punctilious person. Her preprinted form will tell you that the speed limit on such-and-such a road was 30 kilometers per hour, while you were traveling at 39 k.p.h., 5 k.p.h. above the nominal grace speed of 34 k.p.h. Therefore, Frau Ratte informs you, you owe the city \$20.

But wait, many people outside Germany will no doubt ask, how can this be?

Is this not the land of the Autobahn, where the BMW's and Mercedes hurtle at slightly less than the

Floor it on the Autobahn if you like, but elsewhere Frau Ratte may get you.

speed of sound with nary a cop to slow them? How, then, can Frau Ratte be quibbling over speed limits of such pathetic, subsonic levels as 20 miles an hour?

The answer cuts to the quick of that elusive entity that historians, sociologists, authors and artists have been seeking to define for centuries: the German soul.

Yes, speed - and the right to it - is enshrined in the fact that even though there are local restrictions, like there are anywhere else, there is no nationwide, binding speed limit on the ribbons of highway that have latticed the country since Hitler sought to motorize the land.

But just as embedded in Germany's way of doing

things - as Frau Ratte's very existence attests - is the notioo of Ordnung, that quintessectial sense of order in all things that permits the broader, social interest to override the individual urge.

Just the other day the mass-circulation Bild Zeitung reported a fascinating statistic: the way Germans bebave towards each other and their surroundings in public - at the office, in the car, at work and at play - is covered by 4,874 laws, 84,900 regulations and 32,000 regulatory standards. There's Ordnung for you.

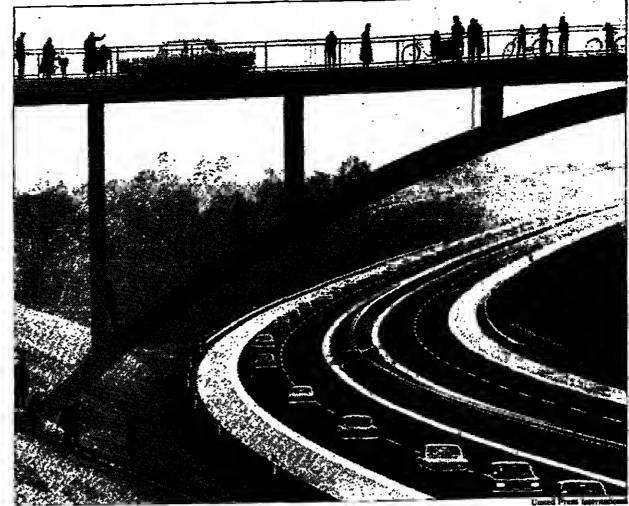
And between these two poles hovers the German soul, drawn to ooe, restrained by the other, forever torn. Fanciful? Not really. Consider, for example a clas-

sic poem in the German language - "The Roman Fountain," by the Swiss poet Conrad Ferdinand Meyer. Here the poet is fascinated by the juxtaposition of movement and tranquility, the flowing water beld in stasis by the structure of the fountain. Surely, here is the forerunner to the owner of a new Audi and Frau Ratte, the one in motion, the other intent on control.

And what about that very icon of German literature - Goethe's "Faust"? What else was Faust doing when he made his pact with Mephistopheles except securing a lifelong lease on the fast lane? And, even though be did not finally claim Faust's soul, what else was Mephistopheles doing when be called in the debt but enforcing the basic tenet of Ordnung - notably that unchecked individualism carries the ultimate price?

This is where the metaphor acquires Angst. For if the enforcer of Ordnung is cast in satanic terms - to wit, Mephistopheles or, indeed, Frau Ratte - how come people here seem to like their Ordnung so much? How come people waiting to cross roads at pedestrian stop lights will tut-tut at those who cross on red, as if there were a little of the Frau Ratte in all of us, as if order could not be true order unless universally enforced?

Could it be that people yearn for structures like the Roman fountain to hold in check the perilous flows that might otherwise run amok? That might sound apocalyptic were it not for the fact that the 20th century is scarred by the flood damage of two world wars. Indeed, Chancellor Helmut Kohl says that without European



Germans like the liberating Autobahn (shown in its infancy in the 1960's) but also the straight and narrow.

unity to bind Germany to its neighbors in a commoo destiny, a fractured continent will face the same choice of war and peace in the 21st century.

### The Fast Lane

No one likes a stereotype, of course, especially not on such perilous turf as this.

Think, for instance, of Germans whose individual flair transports them to heights of gentus - Boris Becker, say, or even Mr. Kohl, with his improbable lightning footwork to reunify Germany in 1990. Think of authors like Günther Grass or film-makers like Wim Wenders. Or warriors like Erwin Rommel, who turned speed into strategy.

How do they - the composers and conductors, the poets and playwrights - fit into this picture of Angst, unless as exemplars of the fast lane in which all is possible? After all, the possibility of the individual is what high-speed motoring is all about in Germany. It is no coincidence that the BMW advertisements stress the notion of car as the vehicle, as it were, of personal fulfillment. Once the local speed limits, the roadwork and the traffic congestion have fallen away, what immense satisfaction accrues from watching the speedometer needle edge toward the magic 200 kilometers per hour line (125 m.p.h.), in cars that are designed precisely for this kind of release

Out here, on the limits of individual skill and free dom, even Frau Ratte cannot reach you.

# Diplomats In Gumshoes

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issue with a priority right alongside nuclear proliferation or ethnic conflict. The problems of crime and nuclear proliferation could well merge, for that matter, if Russian gangsters start selling nuclear material.

International crime is "one of the most threatening spects at the end of the century," said Gen. Barry R. McCaffrey, the National Drug Policy Director.

The threat is particularly acute for many emerging





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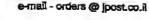
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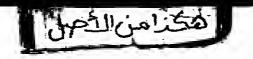


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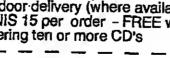
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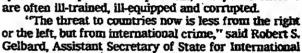
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this alarming. These nations lack the laws or judicial

systems to cope with the problem, and police officers

Gelbard, Assistant Secretary of State for International Narcotics and Law Enforcement Affairs. "And it's more insidious, more subversive in many ways because criminal groups are undermining democratic states." Not just elections, either. Business, too. This Admin-

istration has portrayed international markets as the key to the future not only of America's economy, but of world peace as well. In this view, if Western investors are scared off by a gangster environment in some struggling new democracy, the whole world loses.

As a result, President Clinton has made the fight against international crime a larger part of his foreign policy, highlighting it during his speech at the 50th anniversary of the United Nations last year.

Three years ago the State Department's Bureau of International Narcotics became the Bureau of International Narcotics and Law Enforcement Affairs - more than just a name change. At a time when the department's other divisions have strained under dwindling resources, the expanded bureau's have doubled in two years, to \$213 million.

The Central Intelligence Agency, in part seeking justifications for its existence after the fall of the Soviet bloc, has put new effort into gathering intelligence about criminal organizations. The F.B.I. opened an academy in Budapest last year to train officers from Eastern Europe and Russia, and the State Department hopes to see others open in Latin American and Southeast Asia.

The F.B.I. has also proposed expanding the number of agents stationed at embassies around the world -- to 195 in 46 countries, from 124 in 27 countries now.

Of course, the growing desire of American law enforcement to extend its reach has raised delicate diplomatic issues, since few things touch a nation's sovereignty as closely as matters of law enforcement. That was the case with Mr. Safir's foray into the Dominican Republican, where the American military intervention in 1965 remains in the national consciousness

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### Resistance

Other nations have been resistant too, but with awareness of the crime problem growing, many have become less hostile. The State Department has also started helping countries like South Africa and Mexico m enforce and even draft laws to fight crimes like money laundering and financial fraud. In addition, the Administration plans to tighten extradition treaties and expand laws that give Federal agencies jurisdiction in crimes against Americans overseas, like the murder of an American businessman in Moscow last month,

The increased efforts have also created inevitable tensions between the United States' law enforcement agencies and its foreign service. The F.B.I., for example, is prohibited from disclosing wiretaps of foreign government officials, but State Department officials insist that the existence of any such wiretap is just the sort of thing its ambassadors must know about.

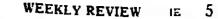
On the other hand, there is a growing realization that this kind of tension is destructive ."You can't have the F.B.I. saying, 'Forget the striped-pants stuff,' and going in, guns blazing," said one official. So the various agencies appear to be trying to work through the tensions, setting up rules for how to share information.

It is the kind of thing bickering agencies do they start to take a threat seriously.

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### ECONOMY

# Leslie H. Wexner: Merlin of the Mall Seeks New Magic

### By JENNIFER STEINHAUER and EDWARD WYATT

COLUMBUS, Ohio HE real problem, Leslie H. Wexner says, is other peo-

Whenever the women's apparel business has slipped at his \$8 billion company, the Limited Inc., he has devised the right fixes, he says. It's his subordinates - the merchants who bought the goods that ended up gathering dust on the shelves of the Limited, Express and Victoria's Secret stores who have failed to come through.

Then there are the mall developers. They became "mindless about the tenant mix" in the 1990's, took the fun out of shopping by building cookie-cutter sites and dragged down the Limited and other retail-

It is the men and women of Wall Street, Mr. Wexner says with unbridled scorn, who failed to appreciate the true value of the Limited, without a doubt the dominant specialty retailer in the American mall.

Nevertheless, Mr, Wexner says he now has a grand plan to satisfy investors and to turn around the business, whose stock has disappointed shareholders for much of the last four years as sales growth has slowed and profits have fallen.

Under the guidance of a Harvard Business School professor, he is moving to centralize certain functions, ranging from financial management to clothing desigo teams that can churn out hot fashions to draw women into the stores.

Tired of fighting mall developers,

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he is using the Limited's resources to design a 1,200-acre retail, entertainment and business complex in Columbus, a project that he says will serve as a model lor retailing development in this country - if not the world.

And while he does not pretend to understand Wall Street, he predicts that recent moves, including the public stock offering of two subsidiaries, will soon add billions to the company's market value.

"The turnaround in the company probably came last spring," Mr. Wexner said with characteristic bravado in a recent interview at the headquarters here. As evidence, he predicted that fourth-quarter profits would rise by close to 50 percent, far above the expectations of Wall Street, which is familiar with his habit of making rosy projections only to disappoint come earnings time.

Even if he engineers better shortterm. profits, however, bigger changes will not come easily. The corporate culture that pumped life into the Limited in the 1980's has eroded as the company has evolved from a cool fashion leader to a lumbering conglomerate. Left behind are burned-out merchants and only the remnants of an intangible myslique that drew young talent from New York to the Midwest, .

And Mr. Wexner, whose flair for fashion and merchandising fueled the Limited's meteoric rise, remains an entrepreneur at heart, endlessly delving into new retail concepts, the latest being a sporting goods superstore. Perhaps because of that temperament, he has consistently failed

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units - Limtted, Express, Lane Bryant and Lerner New York - that together contribute more than half of the company's sales but less than 10 percent of its profits.

A further distraction seems to be his concern with his legacy. In Columbus, Mr. Wexner is a ventable second mayor, shepherding cultural projects downtown while using his personal riches (his Limited stock alone is worth \$1.25 billion) to develop an exclusive residential enclave nearby.

Mr. Wexner's habit of flitting from one project to aoother, while always asserting that the Limited's struggling core business was on the mend. has frustrated some big shareholders. "I have made up my mind that in the next couple months, we are going to be gone," said Marina Carl-son, a mutual fund manager at Strong Capital Management, which earlier this year owned nearly a million Limited shares. "If they could get their act together, this could be a good stock. But in typical Limited fashion, they came out with lowered expectations again this quarter. It is just amazing to me."

Wall Street's confusion is evident in the valuations it places on the company's three publicly traded stocks. The parent, the Limited Inc., owns about 82 percent each of Abercromble & Fitch and Intimate Brands, which includes Victoria's Secret. Those stakes are worth a combined \$29 a share to Limited investors. But the parent company's stock is trading at just \$18.25, up a slight 7 percent since the beginning of 1994. Meanwhile, the Standard & Poor's retail stock index has gained 22 percent and the S.& P. 500 has risen 61 percent.

Undoubtedly, Leslie Wexner is one of the great merchant princes of the late 20th century. Starting with a single store and \$5,000 in 1963, he updated the business of selling clothing to women by offering them fashionable separates for particular life styles, like Shaker knit sweaters that evoked the Italian countryside and preppy shirts that were theoretically

great for a day in the Australian Dutback. investors who recognized the concepts' potential in the early 1980's watched the company open new stores and start new divisions like Express. All the while, their Limited stock appreciated from less than \$1 a share, adjusted for splits, to a high of nearly \$33 in 1992. But the stock has not traded above \$25 since early

1993.

to resuscitate the troubled women's flounder when a new loy enters the playpen.

in the mid-1950's, for example, the Limited and Express were the places for American women to stock up on sweaters and cool pants, and Mr. Wexner's love for mose divisions and their chief merchants was well known. In 1982, the company bought Victoria's Secret amid scorn from skeptics, and its sales quickly boomed as he lavished attention on it. In 1985, after buying Henri Bendel. Mr. Wexner obsessed over every detail of store openings and, former employees said, promised to roll out stores across the nation. By 1990, Bendel's sales had fallen flat, and Limited's latest faux-import line, Paul et Duffier, had failed.

Never fear, Mr. Wexner already had his eyes on Bath and Body Works, the Inlimate Brands unit that sprouted seemingly overnight in malls across the country. But as that unit hit full stride this fall, sales flattened at the Victoria's Secret catalogue division. Now, Mr. Wexner expresses excitement about his sporting goods venture, called Galyan's Trading Company, with just six stores so far but ambitious plans. Susan Silverstein, a retail stock analyst at Gruntal & Company, said: "Each division as they grow has 10 stay on the ball, which is easier to do when you are small and nimble. But this is the fashion business, and to stay nimble on the fashion side is no easy lask."

As a result of inattention, analysis say, the Limited divisions mostly look alike now. Even those shoppers who can hum a Sears, Roebuck jingle impromptu are hard-pressed to cite differences among the Limited's core businesses, largely because the company has long resisted national advertising and other forms of marketing

"The Limited is for young kids, while Express goes a little older," said Barbara Terrell, on a recent shopping trip at a Lerner store in Columbus.

Melanie, her 20-year-old daughter, disagreed: "I would say it is other way around."

"Maybe you're right," Mrs. Terrell conceded. "All of their stores kiod of blur together for me."

For the record, Mr. Wexner sald, Express is intended for single, chic shoppers; Limited stores for suburban mothers, and Lerner lor career women on a budget.

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Mr. Wexner now says the revival of the core women's business will focus on creating brand identities for each store chain. He says he believes the secret to doing that is in differen-



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overlap in merchandise from store to store each season, merchants say it has transformed them from creators who zip around the globe looking for emerging trends into corporate drones whose authority is limsted to saying, 'O.K., make that in green," or "Bring the hem down two unches."

"As the Limned started to really grow and expand," said Pamela Goodman, who resigned as president of Lerner New York in January, "all of these divisions became a little more bureaucratic and dictated from the top, and that was a little boring to me. A lot of the power has been taken away from merchants." Mr. Wexner said the need for the

changes became apparent to him three years ago after a series of conversations with Jack Welch, the chairman of General Electric, a multidivisional conglomerate whose performance Mr. Wexner envies.

Allan R. Tessler, chairman of the international Financial Group and one of only three of the Limited's 13 board members who have no apparent ites to the company or to Mr. Wexner, said that the board remained waichful and that it had "demanded that he get help" running the business.

No matter whose idea, in early 1993 Mr. Wexner hired as a consultant Leonard A. Schlesinger, a Harvard Business School professor who has since been made a director.

"I walked into a company that really was a collection of entrepreneurial-minded people." Mr. Schlesinger said, "where anything that smacked of centralized involvement or mandates was absolutely verboten.

To address problems created by three decades of haphazard growth, Mr. Schlesinger designed a system to centralize information systems, the hiring of senior personnel for the divisions and general financial controls, and put them under the direcion of subordinates to Mr. Wexner. He aiso set out to begin redefining the company's retail units into distinct brands.

senior executive's first task as a division president was to dismiss nine people, who were told to clean out their desks before being escorted from the building by security. Mr. Wexner said recently that "lorcing turnover, being aggressive about it, is healthy for the organization." Another former employee recalled that phone records were scoured by company executives to determine which employees were talking to executive recruiters. Mr. Wexner said he could not recall such an inquiry.

Mr. Wexner, who gives a deep shrug when asked about personnel issues, said he was not dillicult to get along with. "The furthest thing I see myself from is an autocrat," he said. He calls himself "a leader, reflective, open to ideas, challenging, fair. visionary."

But another example of how his relationships can turn unpleasant is a dispute at his charitable group, the Wexner Foundation, which has given away more than \$5 million in each of the last three years. Last year, it filed suit against his mother, Bella Wexner, a nonagenarian, in the Court of Common Pleas for Franklin County, Ohio. The dispute centers on period in 1992-93 when Mrs. Wexner, who along with Mr. Wexner was one of the foundation's two trustees, was incapacitated by illness. At that time, Mr. Wexner appointed a new trustee in her stead, a move she now opposes.

Mr. Wexner concedes that he does not always operate on the same plane as everyone else. "! think temperamentally I've always lived in my own world, and that world is very much in the future," he said. "I don't get much pleasure out of today."

In addition to having speni most of his life as a bachelor - he married In 1993 at age 55 and now has three children - in childhood he was "a daydreamy kind of kid."

Recently, it seems, Mr. Wexner has dreamed about real estate, residential and commercial.

Stretching lor miles east of Columbus along Dhio Route 161 are new while plank lences. The highway, too, seems spanking new six lanes of free-flowing high-speed access to Columbus, a stark contrast to traffic snarls in other parts of town.

Welcome to New Albany. The fenced in land belongs to Mr. Wexner's New Albany Company, the developer of an exclusive, 6,000-acre enclave where \$500,000 Georgian brick houses are popping up like

dandelions after a wet spring. While driving through the Dhio countryside some 10 years ago, Mr. Wexner was taken with the beauty of this rolling farmland. So he quietly began buying it up from local rest

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from modest shopkeeper to billionaire evokes unreserved admiration from those who watched it. "He's like a wizard," sald Norma LaMoreaux, a longtime Columbus resident who first met Mr. Wexner in the 'early 1960's. "One never knows what he's thinking, bin he weaves these grand plans and then suddenly everything falls into place."

Few outside the hard-core mall crawlers have any idea of the breadth of the Limited's retail portfolio, which offers a theme store for nearly every occasion. In addition to Limited and Express, the women's shops present in nearly every big mall in the country, the company operates Lerner New York, which sells discount sportswear, and Lane Bryant, a specialist in large sizes.

Usually nearby in the mall is Structure, a young men's shop, and, in lewer spots, Abercrombie & Fitch, for latter-day preppies of both sexes with a penchant for field hockey, tailgate parties and the sweater vest. Limited Too has clothes for children and infants.

A stroll past the traditional smock-and-frock shops in the mall often leads to the Intimate Brands units: Victoria's Secret, the now-famous outpost of lacy bras and threefor-the-price-of-two panties, and Bath and Body Works, the company's biggest recent success, a dewberry-scented world of soaps, lotions and bath mitts. There are also four Henri Bendel stores, in select locations, and a handful of other shops here and there.

An empire so large might be expected to have trouble running on all cylinders at once. But over the years, the Limited has fallen into an alarming pattern: it develops exciting new stores, nurtures them into industry leaders, then watches them

tiating the merchandise that each store offers. And despite pressure from Wall Street to develop national sales campaigns, he says he does not believe advertising achieves that goal. Whenever his chains have tested ads, "we couldn't prove the payoff," he said.

Mr. Wexner acknowledges that the road he has chosen for the company is littered with others' failures. "The paradigms of multiple-division speciality retailers don't exist anymore," he said. Edison Brothers, whose far-flung ventures included the Jeans West, J. Riggings and Oak Tree clothiers and the Bakers and Chandlers shoe stores, filed for bankruptcy protection last year. The Melville Corporation, whose Thom McAn stores shod generations of children, this fall changed its name to CVS, after shedding all but its drug stores.

Certainly, economic shifts helped to dash some of the Limited's aspirations: women lost interest in apparel in the first half of the 1990's, a depressed real estate market hindered the growth of malls and an abundance of poorly performing mail stores snatched away market share. But retail experts and former Limited employees say Mr. Wexner's management style has depressed morale and earnings. He has oddly positioned himself, they say, as both a micromanager who wants his hands on all parts of the business, often at the expense of others' ideas, and as a distanced and overtaxed executive who increasingly gives power to corporate bean counters.

One part of Mr. Wexner's grand revitalization plan particularly irked the Limited's merchants: the creation of fashion teams set up to design clothes and styles specific to each division. Though the strategy was intended to stop the confusing

Central to the plan's effectiveness is Mr. Wexner's ability to work within such clearly drawn lines - and Mr. Schlesinger acknowledged that this remains to be seen. "I would agree that Leslie Wexner has not been a hands-off leader at any time in the history of the business." Mr. Schlesinger sald. Indeed, when two reporters arrived to interview Mr. Wexner on a recent afternoon, they found him niggling over a television advertisement for a new Victoria's Secret bra. He recalled, with fresh fury, the tale of a "former" marketing manager whose suggestion for the bra's name - Hide and Sleek evoked a car wax in his mind. Mr. Wexner chose another name: Perfect Silhouette.

"Ten years ago the culture was one that encouraged shared decision-making at lower levels in the organization." said Kirk Palmer, 3 former midlevel executive at the Limited who now runs a retail executive search firm. "Unfortunately, bureaucracy and politics have made their way into the business, which stifles creativity."

Mr. Wexner's propensity to dabble in all aspects of the business continues to vex Limited executives, who sometimes vent their frustrations outside the company. "There is stress in the organization," said Herbert Mines, a retailing executive recruiler. For that reason, he said, They may have a little bit of trouble oow keeping people."

Mr. Wexner is known for being intolerant of employees who do not meet his expectations or carry out his edicis. Several years ago, one

with his persona through an anonymous corporation.

A second project, across the highway from the Limited's offices along Interstate 270, is being paid for in part by the Limited Inc. It is Easton, the vasi shopping, business, enjertainment and residential complex now under construction.

According to plans disclosed by Mr. Wexner in January, Easton will require \$1.5 billion in private investment. Most of that will come from outside developers, though the Limlted has already put \$75 million into the design and development.

Despite that commitment, the Easton project has gone without mention in the Limited's reports to shareholders that are filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission. Asked why Easton had not earned a reference in those documenus, Mr. Wexner said, "We never feli it was a disclosable nem," because it was small in comparison with the company's annual capital expenditures of \$300 million or more. Much of the land on which Easton is being built was acquired over the last 15 years, he said, and that invesiment will be recouped in 1997.

Mr. Wexner's plan for Easton is sweeping: he aims to recast the mold of the American shopping cen-

"I fundamentally believe in the mall," he said. But in three decades, there have been few drastic changes in how tenants are chosen or grouped, in mall architecture or in the decisions that make shopping a pleasant experience, he said. Mr. Wexner will not specify exactly what will be so different about Easton scheduled to open in stages over the next few years - but he says that without his reinvention of the mall. that distinctly American retailing creation will "wither on the vine."

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# If It Walks and Talks Like Inflation, It's Inflation

To the Editor: Your Dec. 5 editorial "A New Way to Look at Prices" says a Government commission of outside economists has reported that the Consumer Price Index, as now calculated by the Bureau of Labor Statistics, exaggerates inflation because it takes inadequate account of consumers offsetting some of the impact of higher prices by switching to lower-priced goods. The underlying assumption is that when consumers are forced by inflatioo to switch to lower-priced goods their standard of living remains the same. Rubbish!

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To the Editor:

Accepting Fat Isn't a License to Gorge

rent a video instead of going to a movie, her standard of living has gone down. If he must eat chicken wheo he prefers beef, bis standard of living has gone down. Only Government "newspeak" can tell us that this is oot inflation. FRANK BRAULT West Hartford, Conn., Dec. 5, 1996

Who Gains? To the Editor:

Your Dec. 1 news article and Week in Review article oo the overstatement of consumer price inflation do not adequately take into account other analyses of the Consumer Price Index, including those by the Congressional Budget Office and the Bu-

reau of Labor Statistics, that find a smaller distortion.

The Boskin Commission is composed of five economists who believed the index was too high before they were appointed. They have presected little new empirical research to support their claims.

There are influential vested interests eager to encourage such views. Congress would like nothing more than to find a way to justify reductions in the cost-of-living allowance to solve the eventual Social Security financing deficit. And surely the Chaton Administration would like to contend that the economy really grew rapidly under its watch.

But consider how unlikely this is. locorporating two Federal Reserve economists' contentions that productivity grew half a percent faster a year than reported with these lower estimates of inflation will lead many to assume that real growth has soared since 1973 at a rate of 4 percent or more, as fast or faster than the growth during the "golden age" between 1948 and 1973. Does anyone really believe that? No.

Analyses of overstated inflation are more subjective than economists imply. More research is required. And it may turn out, as some economists believe, that the Consumer Price Index is hardly overstated at JEFFREY MADRICK alL New York, Dec. 3, 1996

of the Consumer Price Index might opeo a discussion of a fundamental flaw (Economic Scene, Dec. 5)? In 1976 I asked the head of the Bureau of Labor Statistics why the index omitted taxes. Her answer: "Congress has decided that taxes are not part of the cost of living." Consider the increase that the average wage-earner has paid in Social Security taxes over the last 20 years and it is apparent wby Congress does not allow the index to ALICE C. LUNN include taxation. Olmsted Falls, Ohio, Dec. 5, 1996

Real Pain and Anxiety

You cite an analysis by Leonard Nakamura of the Philadelphia Federal Reserve Bank suggesting that inflation estimates over the last decade and a half have been overstated (Week in Review, Dec. I). Since that means more real economic growth, you are surprised that "the economy has prodoced quite real anxiety." You suggest "it may be that those in pain were bot typical "..... Not only the anxiety has been yeal."" so has the pain. Unemployment is " central. Rather than re-estimating unemployment statistics as inflation has been re-estimated, some econo-

### The Incorrigible C.I.A.

As a devoted Boston Red Sox fan, Anthony Lake is accustomed to tribulation and disappointment. That may be a good thing, for as the next Director of Central Intelligence be is likely to face a lifetime of frustration packed into just a few years. The Central Intelligence Agency, the flagship organization of the espionage empire be will run, is close to incorrigible. Six years after the disintegration of the Soviet Union and end of the cold war, the C.I.A. is still struggling to get its bearings and still resisting reform.

Mr. Lake, who served as President Clinton's national security adviser the last four years, needs to complete a transformation of the C.I.A. that his predecessors either fumbled, or in the case of the incumbent, John Deutch, did not stay long enough to see through. Almost every aspect of the agency's activities requires further change, including production of intelligence reports, overseas operations and budget management. Most of all, Mr. Lake must make the C.I.A. accountable and insist on the bighest ethical standards in its conduct.

The United States needs effective and supple intelligence services to deal with serious threats like terrorism and the spread of nuclear technologies and to monitor developments in countries like China, Iran, Iraq and North Korea. The dangers are too great for Washington to tolerate a drifting, undisciplined and demoralized C.I.A.

Mr. Deutch leaves a strong legacy of reform, and it is dismaying that he gave President Clinton little choice but to make bim Secretary of Defense or watch him return to private life. Under Mr. Deutch's firm direction, the C.L.A. and other intelligence agencies pinned budget planning to realistic intelligence needs rather than the reflexive expansion of existing programs. But the overall intelligence budget remains bloated at \$30 billion, not

much different from annual spending levels during the cold war.

Mr. Deutch encouraged greater collaboration the C.I.A. between the analysts who prepare intelligence assessments and the operatives who run espionage activities abroad, something that should have been done years ago. He concentrated agency resources on targets like Iran, China and North Korea. Mr. Lake, as a longtime consumer of intelligence reports, should be able to sharpen the agency's work to better serve Mr. Clinton and other policy makers.

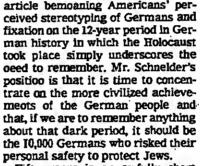
Mr. Deutch also belped break down barriers between the C.I.A. and Federal Bureau of Investigation that long hampered the investigation of betrayals within the C.I.A., most notably in the case of Aldrich Ames. The changes helped lead to the recent arrest of Harold Nicholson, a C.I.A. officer charged with selling secrets to Russia.

But for all Mr. Deutch's effort, the C.I.A. proved impervious to change in fundamental areas. His disciplining of C.I.A. officers for serious misconduct in Guatemala stirred resentment in the operations staff, as did the actions be took against former employees who had misrepresented information tainted by the Ames betrayal. His determination to set ethical guidelines for the recruitment of foreign agents was ridiculed. Across the agency there was resistance to Mr. Deutch's more demanding standards and tight management.

Nearly 50 years since the creation of the C.I.A. the agency's operations directorate retains an insular, arrogant culture that breeds a dangerous contempt for democratic principles and accountability. Mr. Deutch could not break it. Mr. Lake will now have his chance. His performance on this central issue will be the ultimate measure of his success as Director of Central Intelligence.

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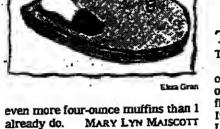
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Rock Hill, S.C., Dec. 5, 1996

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The Tax Omission To the Editor: Is it folly to think that current study

### To the Editor:



### A Sensible Plan for Rent Decontrol

About a million apartments in New York City are covered by rent regulations that will expire this June. The Republican majority leader of the State Senate, Joseph Bruno, announced Thursday that he will not allow a renewal of the laws, unless it is tied to a plan for swift deregulation.

Mr. Bruno is right to call for decontrol. Rent

transportation is shifted to housing. The only people who would gain from a swift decontrol are landlords, who could reap immense profits by selling buildings they bought at rent-regulated prices.

Mr. Bruno and Mr. Silver sbould work with housing experts and city officials to develop a plan for gradual decontrol with a final, certain date at which rent regulations would be eliminated entirely. Negotiations should begin in January. The leaders must avoid the usual scenario in which Mr. Bruno demands the moon, Mr. Silver stonewalls, the state budget becomes months overdue and both sides wait to see who will cave in first. Several approaches are possible. The first stage of gradual decontrol could include dropping all regulations on units as they become vacant. The plan could also gradually reduce the maximum allowable income for rent-regulated tenants from the present \$250,000 on down. Or it could allow rents to rise by limited amounts each year until they reached market levels. Either way, the time period before final decontrol should be extended from two years to perhaps 10 years. Officials can then monitor the effects of the transition, making adjustments as needed. Any changes must be made in an atmosphere that keeps the fate of poor New Yorkers constantly in mind. The Senate Republicans have offered to expand protections for the low-income elderly and the disabled. But they bave not mentioned the equally pressing problems of poor families with children. Mr. Bruno's confidence that the unregulated marketplace will solve the bousing shortage in poor neighborhoods is misplaced. Residents there simply do not have enough money to pay rents that would make unsubsidized housing practical. So far, the Republicans bave not suggested that the state should couple decontrol with more subsidized housing or some other safety net for the substantial number of very poor tenants. That is an issue Mr. Silver must put on the table.

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regulation has not served New York City well. It has discouraged investment in the upkeep of old properties and the construction of new ones. The laws hurt the entire city by reducing the tax base. An expensive and extremely cumbersome state bureaucracy is required to implement them. Especially galling, the laws create an irrational system in which some well-to-do tenants pay very little rent for large apartments while less-prosperous newcomers are forced to pay rates that are artificially inflated by the shortage of market-rate bousing.

But a system that affects so many people should not be undone bastily. Mr. Bruno's proposal to eliminate all rent control and stabilization laws in two years is far too abrupt. Assembly Speaker Sheldon Silver, on the other hand, seems committed to retaining the system as it is.

The politics of this standoff are obvious. Mr. Silver's Democrats are based in New York City, where well over two million people, live in rentregulated dwellings. Mr. Bruno's upstate political base couldn't care less about New York City rent regulations. But city real estate interests, which stand to get enormous windfalls from deregulation, are big campaign contributors to state Republicans, including Mr. Bruno.

Rent regulation has been here for a half-century and scrapping it suddenly would create major economic and social dislocation. Although the market rents in many poor neighborhoods are already lower than legal limits, there are still tens of thousands of low-income people whose bousing costs will go up sharply when rents are decontrolled. Many families with more money will still have to move to areas with lower market rates. Businesses and service workers will lose income as

### The Dominican Connection

investigators in the Dominican Republic caused a stir recently, as fears of American police invading the Dominican streets provoked a backlash among voters and politicians there. But Police Commissioner Howard Safir oever intended to place officers in the Dominican streets, as some seemed to think. Instead, Mr. Safir would like to station a pair of officers at the United States Embassy, to develop intelligence on the Dominican-American drug connection.

Such an effort is important, but insufficient to deal with the Dominican nationals who routinely commit crimes in the United States and then fly home to immunity. American law enforcement officials are right to want changes in Dominican laws that forbid the extradition of Dominican citizens. But given the volatility of Dominican politics, Americans need to proceed tactfully, lest they undermine the ability of President Leonel Fernández Reyna to produce the result they seek.

Last month, Mr. Safir furnished Dominican officials with a list of more than 100 people suspected of committing crimes in New York and escaping to the Dominican Republic. The Dominican Repub-

New York City's plan for stationing police lic should not want to shelter these suspects from American justice. Nearly all Dominican immigrants come to the United States, and most of them settle in the New York area.

High on the list of fugitives is Santiago Luis Polanco-Rodriguez, an alleged drug dealer from Washington Heights who fled the United States 10 years ago after being indicted for drug trafficking, racketeering and money laundering. Drug enforcement officials describe Mr. Polanco-Rodríguez as a pioneer in the mass marketing of crack and say his operation was a prototype for other Dominican drug gangs. Mr. Polanco-Rodriguez is living openly and well in the Dominican Republic.

The Dominican Republic should allow these criminals to be extradited to the United States. But President Fernández has other battles to fight at the moment. A reformer elected earlier this year after a long period of authoritarian rule, Mr. Fernández is engaged in a struggle to clean up a notoriously corrupt Government and consolidate his meager support in the Dominican Congress. The United States is right to seek extradition privileges, but it will need to be patient while Mr. Fernández gets a grip on domestic problems.

To the Editor:

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Los Angeles, Dec. 5, 1996

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Contrary to Peter Schneider (Op-Ed. Dec. 5), my book, "Hitler's Will-To the Editor: ing Executioners: Ordinary Germans and the Holocaust," owes nothing to article gives the impressioo that the notions of "collective guilt" and Daniel Goldhagen's book deals only "cultural genetics," which are conceptually and morally indefensible. madness. 1t doesn't! It reviews 200 By explaining that it was a set of years of German anti-Semitism. I beliefs about Jews that was at the root of Germans' willingness to kill humanity, but the few do not change Jews - bellefs that are, as my book the many. states, no longer dominant in Germany - my book finally allows Germans to say: "Although this is part of our

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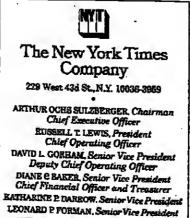
Peter Schneider's Dec. 5 Op-Ed tinuing national responsibility to face article reminds us that today's Gerup to it, it is not about us today. Our mans are no different from us, no country is different. We are a democmore guilty of genocide than we as racy and our values and views of the Americans are guilty of slavery or killing native Americans. It is this among the many other

Also on Dec. 5, you report on Serge Klarsfeld's book of photographs of French Jewish children who were transported to German killing-fields. While we must accept what Mr. Schneider says to avoid victimizing the German youth of today, Mr. Klarsfeld's book reminds us that we cannot forget the victims of the CAROLYN MCGRATH Dast Setauket, L.I., Dec. 5, 1996

To the Editor:

Perhaps Peter Schneider's self-esteem and Germany's image (Op-Ed, Dec. 5) would improve if Germans focused on the minority groups living in Germany. It's legal there, and common, to read in bousing advertisemeots, "foreigners oot wanted." As common are help-wanted ads that say "foreigners oeed not apply." Germans could address their guilt by outlawing these Jim Crow practices. SAMEER SACHDEVA

Washington, Dec. 5, 1996



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Lower unemployment has been and is possible; that is the hidden secret of the inflation re-estimates. We have already lost much - in jobs; production, in social justice and stability because inflation was overestimated. The lesson of Mr. Nakamura's analysis should not be "Look how much better we are than we thought." Rather, it should be "Look how much better we can do, now that the bad numbers that scared us turn out to have been wrong." ROBERT A. LEVINE Los Angeles, Dec. 2, 1996

The writer was deputy director, Congressional Budget Office, 1975-79.

Cut Capital Gains Tax To the Editor:

An article on how wealthy taxpayers are able to postpone the payment of capital gains taxes (front page. Dec. 1) failed to mention the most powerful reform of all: cut the capital gains tax rate. Less money and energy would be spent seeking ways to defer capital gains taxes and more effort would be dedicated to entrepreneurial investing. Funds locked into mature investments with a low cost basis would be freed for new risktaking. Both government tax receipts and new investment would rise, benefiting investors, government and en-BRUCE C. LUECK trepreneurs all. Minneapolis, Dec. 2, 1996

The writer is an investment adviser.

### Genesis and God

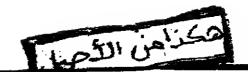
#### To the Editor:

Re the recent treatments of Genesis that are summarized in your Dec. 1 Week in Review article "A Beginning Stripped of Awe": What makes these approaches ultimately so unsatisfying is that they are devoid of the perspective that informs Genesis and makes any serious study of it so much the opposite - namely, the theocentric perspective.

For all of their fondness for humanity and genuine interest in human passions, successes and failures, the narrators of Genesis value those passions, successes and failures only insofar as they help to reveal the holiness and the saving will of the God of Israel.

It is that - and its great artistrythat saves the narrative from the purely anthropocentric and tedious. oarcissism that seem to prevail in the modern "novelistic" approach-(Rev.) ALEXANDRA COE Blooming Grove, N.Y., Dec. 2, 1995

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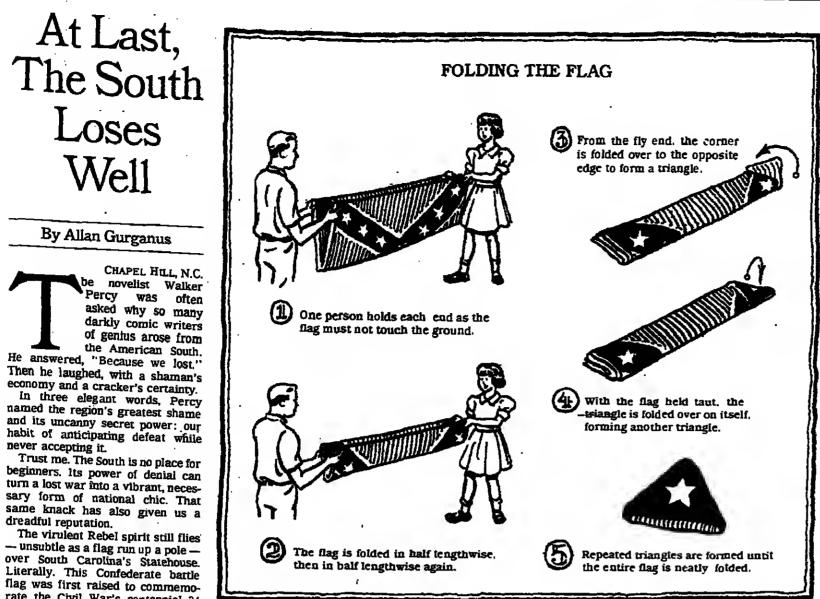
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novelist Walker Percy was often asked why so many darkly comic writers of genius arose from the American South. He answered, "Because we lost." Then he laughed, with a shaman's economy and a cracker's certainty. In three elegant words, Percy named the region's greatest shame and its uncanny secret power: our habit of anticipating defeat while never accepting it.

Trust me. The South is no place for beginners. Its power of denial can turn a lost war into a vibrant, necessary form of national chic. That same knack has also given us a dreadful reputation.

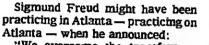
The virulent Rebel spirit still flies - unsubtle as a flag run up a pole over South Carolina's Statehouse. Literally. This Confederate battle flag was first raised to commemorate the Civil War's centennial 34 years back. Until now, nobody has found the nerve or the vision to simply yank it down.

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And why? The answer is aptly perverse: "Because we lost," the flag must remain. That is, until now.



"We overcame the transference by pointing out to the patient that his feelings do not arise from the present situation ... but they are repeating something that happened to him earlier. In this way, we oblige him to transform his repetition into memoгу."

These days, those memories are saleable, exportable. Shiloh is picturesque, touristic. The President and Vice President? An Arkansan and a Tennessean. Buroed Atlanta now plays host to the Fortune 500.

Having once fought hard for a divorce from the United States, havingbeen outgunned, outlawyered, burned flat, then alimonied near to death, we Southerners were left with little more than our lore. To that, at

lost the bloody war. And there's the evangelical Christianity, then to the Enter Gov. David Beasley. He is a Christian Coalition, just in time to young Republican just two years into ride the botched Gingrich Revolution. (Newt Gingrich, for the record, his first term. When elected, he favored the battle flag's presence, is a Pennsylvanian who moved clear Three-fourths of all registered Reto Georgia to get elected, which expublicans wanted the colors to fly plains a loL) forever. But South Carolina is now Whatever Goveroor Beasley's moreeling from a series of especially tives, his battle-flag conversion ofugly racist crimes, including church

fers our region a belated crack at torchings and a drive-by shooting at doing something right. The South has a chance at last to lose the war a black nightclub. Daily Statehouse protesters claim that the flag sanccorrectly. tions such racial violence, a tacit To finally admit: We've noticed "yes" to the Klan and deranged mili-

that we lost!

verybody loses something. A ball game, a wristwatch, a spouse, a child - eventually, a life. The healthiest among us are those folks able - through some mythic algebra that can never be explained - to upgrade defeat into an acceptance that Itself becomes a form of honor. Shakespeare speaks of turning defect into perfection. But, flying the flag of the losing side blocks just such healthy personal present-tense mythologizing. Where are the new

from Society Hill, he converted to sire to do right - is precisely the same."

Ross Max Denaid

Shall we run that up our only flagpole? May I see a show of hands? State by state, race by race, we cannot succeed by seceding. Done that Lost out. Staried over.

Maybe our feelings do not arise from the present situation but keep repeating something that happened to us earlier. And happened, and happened.

So, South Carolina? Make the repetition a memory. Heed the orders of General Lee. On retiring from the field of battle, brave enough to weep in plain view of his men, admitting defeat while somehow maintaining his own indelible sense of human honor, he called back, "Furl the flag. boys.' It is thme.

One hundred and twenty-one years late, my beloved South, it is time to say and meon this.

Let us all hold hands and, in unlson, shout it very loud at last, "Appo-

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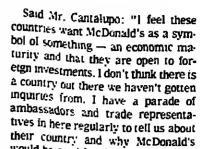
So I've had this thesis for a long time and came here to Hamburger University at McDonald's headquarters to finally test it out. The thesis is this: No two countries that both have a McDonald's have ever fought a war against each other.

The McDonald's folks confirmed it for me. I feared the exception would be the Falklands war, but Argentina didn't get its first McDonald's until 1986, four years after that war with Britain. Civil wars don't count: Mc-Donald's in Moscow delivered burgers to both sides in the fight between proand anti-Yeltsin forces in 1993.

Since Israel now has a kosher Mc-Donald's, since Saudi Arabia's Mc-Donald's closes five times a day for Muslim prayer, since Egypt has 18 McDonald's and Jordan is getting its first, the chances of a war between them are minimal. But watch out for that Syrian front. There are no Big Macs served in Damascus, India-Pakistan? I'm still worried. India, where 40 percent of the population is veget arian, just opened the first beefless Mc-Donald's tvegetable nuggets!), but Pakistan is still a Mac-free zone.

Obviously, I say all this tongue in cheek. But there was enough of a correlation for me to ask James Cantalupo, president of McDonald's International and us de facto Secretary of State, what might be behind this Golden Arches Theory of Conflict Prevention - which stipulates that when a country reaches a certain level of economic development, when it has a middle class big enough to support a McDonald's, it becomes a McDonald's country, and people in McDonald's countries don't like to fight wars; they like to wait in line for burgers. Or as Mr. Cantalupo puts it: "We focus our development on the more well-developed economies - those that are growing and those that are large and the risks involved in being adventuresome [for those growing economies] are probably getting too great."

In the 1950's and 60's developing countries thought that having an aluminum factory and a U.N. seat was what made them real countries, but today many countries think they will have arrived only if they have their own McDonald's and Windows 95 in their own language. This year McDonald's went into its 100th country and for the first time it earned more revenue from McDonald's overseas than from McDonald's America.



would be good for the country." The question raised by the McDonaid's example is whether there is a tip-

### Testing the golden arches theory.

over point at which a country, by integrating with the global economy, opening itsell up to foreign investment and empowering its consumers, permanently restricts its capacity for troublemaking and promotes gradual democratization and widening peace. Francis Fukuyama, author of the classic work "The End of History," argued to me that a country's getting its own McDonaid's was probably not a good indicator of that tip-over point, because the level of per capita income needed in a country to host a McDonald's is too low. "I would not be surprised II in the next 10 years several of these McDonald's countries go to war with each other," he said.

Yes, there will be conflicts, but more inside countries than between them. No question, the spread of Mc-Donald's (a new one opens every three hours) is part of this worldwide phenomenon of countries integrating with the global economy and submitting to its rules, but this is not a smooth linear process. It produces a backlash inside countries from those who do not benefit from this globalization, who feel that their traditional culture will be steamrolled by it and who fear that they won't eat the Big Mac, the Big Mac will eat them.

How well governments and global companies manage these frustrations will be the real determinant of whether economic development will lead to wider democratization and wider peace. Here again McDonald's is an intriguing pioneer. When the riots broke out in Los Angeles one of the few commercial buildings not trashed was McDonald's, Wednesday's column will 

least, we held on light. For a century, memory was all we had to sell.

Picture Charleston's Magnolia **Cemetery on Confederate Memorial** Day, 1871. Pretty dresses, gray uniforms, all the crutches. To a crowd of 6,000, the Rev. John L. Giradeau gave a speech. He might have been speaking about the worries of present-day African-Americans or Israelis or Palestinians. "Let us cling to our identity as a

people! The danger is upon us of losing it - of its being absorbed and swallowed up in that of a people which, having despoiled us of the rights of freemen, assumes to do our thinking, our legislating, and our ruling for us. Influences are operating on us with every breath we draw which, if we be not vigilant, will sooner or later wipe out every distinctive characteristic which has hitherto marked us. Are we prepared for it? ... Nothing of the past will be left to the South but a history which will read like an elegiac poem, nothing for the present but a place on the maps which our children study ... a single existence, a geographical one. But can we preserve our identity in the face of the difficulties which oppose it?"

The Reverend need not have worried so. Though South Carolina might look somewhat like Ohio, it is still confoundedly South Carolina. For better and for worse. Fifteen years ago, we were told the Southero accent would disappear. Tain't so!

The North sent us carpetbaggers; we sent them chef Paul Prudhomme on a golf cart. Guess who made the bigger dent? Today black professionals are returning en masse to the South. These days country music is not just played at Nashville barn dances. The region that gave birth to both jazz and the blues is at last thanks to Junior Chambers of Commerce - considered jazzy, bluesy, sexy. Rather than blandify our food to match the occupying force's, we've lent our spice to the Yankee blahs. And at a pretty good markup. But certain rankling emblems remain, symbols of the Bad Old South and not the Good New Gourmet One.

In 1962, South Carolina rehoisted the Confederate battle flag over its Statehouse. The thing is still snapping there. The trouble with raising such a pennant: Once it's up there, you can't exactly pull it down unnoticed. If you raise a war flag in a time of peace, the rules of war will always govern it - even 121 years after you

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Business interests fear canceled conventions if the flag waves on. Senator Strom Thurmond, born just 34 years after the War ended, favors purging this symbol. The Sons and Daughters of the Confederacy ride clouds of 19th-century rhetoric -"blood" its operative metaphor. The African- American community opposes any display of the flag. For narrative suspense, the State Legislature has still not voted on the proposal.

After hard grappling with the is-sue, Governor Beasley called a news

conference televised, statewide. He

announced that the last government-

flown Confederate flag should fl-

nally come down. Though the forces

of tradition still claim the symbol as

theirs, Governor Beasley admits the

forces of hatred have co-opted it.

The Governor has done a real serv-

ice to the South He has given it a

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final chance to rise - and this times.

The resulting furor now reads like

There are intelligent people who believe the flag should stay in place.

Remember what Robert E. Lee said, leaving the field of battle: 'Furl the flag, boys.'

Their credibility is undercut by two leading Republican guberoatorial hopefuls who Insist: The flag is a symbol of honor. It never burned a church. The battle flag has nothing to

do with slavery. Such citizens' homework for tonight should be the reading of a little item called the "Declaration of the Immediate Causes which induce and justify the Secession of South Carolina from the Federal Union." The words "slave" and "slavery" slather through it.

One sentence condemning the North reads: "They have encouraged and assisted thousands of our slaves to leave their homes; and those who remain have been incited by emissaries, books and pictures to servile insurrection."

The condescension dripping from "books and pictures" is enough to freeze any heart. As usual, those Republicans quickest to use History as their battle cry seem to have read very little of it lately.

Governor Beasley, in striking the colors "because we lost," offers a clean gesture, brave and, not incidentally, career-making.

I phoned my most knowing friends in Charleston (very knowing, indeed). They tell me that, for Governor Beasley, symbolic shifts with prevailing winds are nothing new. He blew into office as a (literally) flag-waving Republican governor. Yet he is a former Democrat. A boy

emplems of a New South?

Our region has finally offered Itself a chance at visible dignity. Not just economic comeuppance, but a lunge at self-criticism - the first step toward affectionate self-acceptance, and a unity postponed.



The Governor suggests the flag now be flown only over a Civil War museum on the Statehouse grounds. This would give a context to the martial emblem of a lost cause. But African-Americans protest its display there. They would forbid the colors' presence, even as a reminder of an emancipating war. "Lest we forger" becomes "lest

we remember." Amnesia is no cure for the pain of Southern history white or black amnesia.

Confucius claims that one purpose of poetry is to teach the names of birds and plants to a nation's children. Monuments and flags serve as aids to train our young about their past. The battle flag enthusiasts need reminding: Only the winning side gets to fly its symbol over seats of legislation financed by taxpayers of all races. Conversely, is it not risky for black Southerners to erase from view the very emblem of crimes that cannot be addressed too often?

Absolutist thinking - balkanizing both sides - is the New Secessionism. Been there, folks, Done that. The New Secessionism places ethnic identification above national purpose, group grievance over human

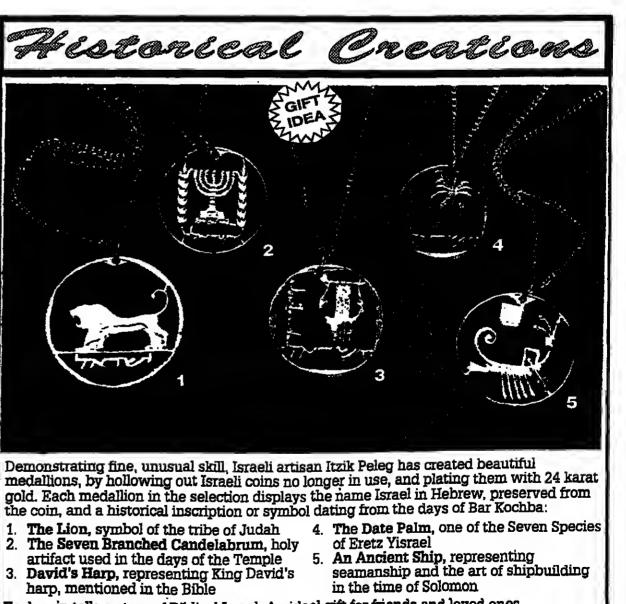
commonality. Correct me, but isn't that why the Civil War was fought? Isn't that why all thinking people understand: The right side won? Brothers, sisters? The Civil War belongs, at last, not on our streets, but, please, in museums.



Six months after the South lost, Gen. Robert E. Lee wrote Gen. P.G.T. Beauregard, commending him for not fleeing the Union as many others had. Lee, I am told, is still discredited north of, say, Maryland. But in this letter he embodies all that I love about an enlightened. forthright, humble, morally imaginative, self-correcting and therefore eternally necessary South: "After the surrender of the South-

ern armies ... it became in my opinion the duty of every citizen to cease opposition and place himself in a position to serve the country.

"... I need not tell you that true patriotism sometimes requires of men to act contrary at one period to that which it does at another, and the motive that impels them - the de-



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### MUSIC

# Once Proud Classical Music Industry Fends Off Extinction

#### **By ALLAN KOZINN**

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> KE the gods in Wagner's "Ring" cycle, the producers who ran the big classical record labels in the 1950's created their own Valhalla. a shimmering fortress in the musical heavens, fit for the heroes of song and stage - the Callases, Heifetzes, Horowitzes and Toscaninis - and built with treasure wrested from their pop divisions. It was generally agreed, back then, that this arrangement preserved something crucial in Western civilization. But by the 1970's, when the fortunes of pop labels dwarfed those of the classics, a generation of number crunchers had seized the corporate reins.

"You can keep your castle," they told their classical executives, "but you're responsible for its upkeep."

The classical record world has not adapted well to this drastic change of circumstances. During the 1980's. the business enjoyed a windfall with the transition from LP to CD, when collectors bought their favorites anew: but instead of regarding this sales jolt as temporary, the labels flooded the market with reissues while expanding their current rosters, recording budgets and release lists. When sales for the entire industry slumped this year, the classics lines were like dinosaurs, lumbering under their own weight. And having watched the classical share of the market plunge from 7 percent in 1987 to an all-time low of 2.9 percent this year, classics executives are desperately trying to reinvent the business.

They are dropping orchestras and encouraging soloists to propose crossover projects. Jazz musicians with a spin on the classics are being courted. New Age and world music are joining the product mix, and executives whose predecessors battied over divas and maestros are now bidding for the soundtracks to everything from "Immortal Beloved" to "Braveheart."

"For pure classical music, it's not a pretty picture," said Cor Dubois, the president of BMG Classics.

Under pressure to turn profits, classical label heads have few allies. Consumers, rebelling against \$17 CD prices and bored with the interpretive facelessness of many current available in pristine CD transfers artists, are ignoring new releases by all but a few superstars. Hefty performers' fees, especially those of ani in American orchestras, make it imand apossible to recoup production costs even at those prices, an issue highlighted by the recent strike of the

Philadelphia Orchestra. Retailers, responding to the stagnating market, are reducing their stocks. And classical radio stations. having adopted a wallpaper format that precludes vocal music and new music, Ignore the few hot sellers: "The Three Tenors," Cecilia Bartoll and works by Arvo Part and other post-Minimalists; It is as if top-40 stations in the mid-60's had decreed that they would play only Wayne Newton and Perry Como records. In a business in which sales of 5,000 record copies were long considered respectable, fluke hits like "The Three Tenors" and "Chant" have sold in the millions worldwide, leaving executives hungry for more. But sequels, remakes and coattail riders are less successful. Harebrained gamblts like "Symphonic Rolling Stones" and "Symphonic Elvis" have fared poorly, although marketers say that compilations like "Classical Music for Dummies" and "Idiot's Guide to Classical Music" have a large constituency.

for canceled sessions, the company mainly to pop buyers added classical planned to move the recording there.

Then someone did the math. Britsession, leaving 10 hours 40 minutes of recording time. American contracts, which require three 20minute breaks, whittled the recording time to 8 hours. When that proved unacceptable to Mr. Perlman, Sony chose London rather than pay for an extra session in Pittsburgh.

Of the traditional Big Five Americao orchestras, the New York Philharmonic, the Chicago Symphony and the Cleveland Orchestra currently have recording contracts, although Decca/London has cut Cleveland's project list in half since 1991. The Boston Symphony has had no label for several years, and the Philadelphia Orchestra lost its contract with EMI in August. Orchestras like the Los Angeles Philharmonic, the San Francisco Symphony and the National Symphony retain major-label ties, and some smaller orchestras have kept themselves on record by underwriting their session costs.

'We have to be very selective," said Richard Lyttleton, the president of EM1, "and frankly, we cannot justify the additional cost of recording in the United States when there

With drastic changes in the record business, classical labels have failed to adapt and now face dire

#### consequences.

are very fine European orchestras that are attuned to what is happening in the market."

It is easy to see why labels are resisting new recordings of the standard repertory. Many listeoers find most current performers interpretively bland, and with classic recordings by legendary conductors and at midprice, collectors buy them instead. A reissue of a Herbert von Karajan recording of a Mozart symphony with the Berlin Philharmonic can be expected to sell thousands of copies; a recent Claudio Abbado version with the same band stalled at a mere 200.

'One principle I thought was inviolable," said a Sony executive who spoke on the condition of aconymity, "was that whatever happened in the marketplace, people would be interested in hearing the latest conductors and instrumeotalists in the standard repertory. Now the feeling is exactly the opposite. Standard is the kiss of death.' The conversations executives dread, in fact, are those in which senior conductors ask to record oew Beethoven, Brahms or Mahler cycles "If that's what they want to do, we'll have a long talk with them," said Mr. Dubois of BMG. "And we'll try to schedule that talk for three or four years from now."

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ish union contracts require two 10-, see in these elegantly appointed deminute breaks in each three-hour . partments is paid for by the labels, a new twist that has substantially increased the cost of marketing. Placing a record at a listening post in a big chain runs \$3,500 a month. Special display space is paid for, too. And advertistiog costs are for the most part no longer shared by retall-

> "We recently had a record that sold 100,000 copies," an executive for a major label said, "and those of us who used to pat ourselves on the back for selling 9,000 were pretty happy. Then the vice president for finance came in and said. 'Yes, but do you know what you spent to sell those 100.000?'

The new uncertainties of the business are nowhere more evident than in the disarray in the labels' executive offices. At BMG, a decade of explosive activity directed at reviving RCA and acquiring specialty labels proved costlier than Bertelsmann had expected. During the last year, executives have passed through at a startling rate: one director of artists and repertory lasted only three days.

At Sony Classical, Gunther Breest spent six years establishing a European preseoce for the company, moving the label's headquarters from New York to Hamburg, Germany, coaxing Deutsche Grammophon artists to defect and, like his BMG colleagues, buying labels with distinct repertory focuses. But be also filled the ledgers with red ink. When he resigned abruptly in 1985, his staff of 80 was fired, and the power shifted back to New York, where Peter Gelb was given responsibility to turn the label around.

The Polygram Classics labels -Deutsche Grammophon, Philips and London - have been adrift in the 90's. In the last year, Christopher Roberts, the president of the division, has sought to give each a distinctive character, stressing Loodon's strength in vocal music and Deutsche Grammophon's traditionalist reputation while redefining Philips as a catchall for film scores and crossovers. But sales lag behind projections, and similar problems at Polygram's pop labels have led to published reports of mass firings and a sale of the record divisioo by its parent, Philips Electronics.

EMI has so far avoided a shakeup. But at Warner Classics, which owns Erato, Teldec, Finlandia and Nonesuch, the marketing department has been merged with that of the Atlantic pop division as part of a larger

Warner retrenchment. One company, at least, seems unaffected by the industry downturn. Since 1983, Nonesuch's staff has grown from 3 to 10, Its sales have locreased twentyfold, and Mr. Hurwitz says the label turns a profit on the 25 disks It releases every year. The core of its catalogue is new music: the senior Minimalists -Philip Glass, Steve Reich, John Adams and Louis Andriessen - are all under contract, and the label offers the explorations of the Kronos Quartet and occasional free-standing projects like its million-selling recording of Henryk Gorecki's Third Symphony. World music, light jazz, theater soogs and soundtracks are also represented, and about 20 percent of the releases are of standard repertory. With sales of 500,000 copies of the latest Gypsy Kings album balanced against the more modest sales of Richard Goode's Schubert and Mozart disks, Mr. Hurwitz claims an average sale of 80,000 for his 1995 releases.



Edgar Meyer, left, Yo-Yo Ma and Mark O'Connor are currently at the top of Billboard's classical. chart with their crossover album, "Appalachia Waltz," which has sold almost 30,000 copies.

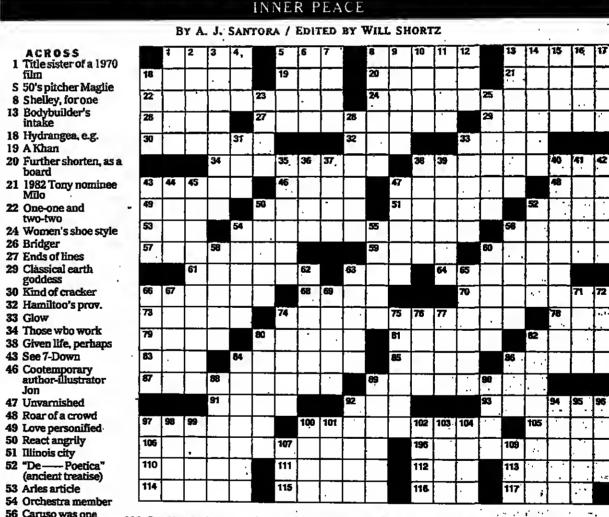
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of the industry's own making. At long last, 19th-century repertory is being made to stand aside as current compositioo reasserts itself as a driving force in musical life. And orchestras, if they hope to record, Partine consumers rejection of

cookie-cutter performances will be The standard repertory may benefit, too. Many musicians have lamented the homogenizing effect recordings have had on music-making.

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There are hopeful signs. Several labels are courting young composers like Aaron Jay Kernis and Richard Danielpour. And carefully remastered reissues of legendary recordings continue to pour from the vaults. But there the good news mostly ends.

Traditionally, the main business of classical labels has been the recording of the standard repertory, and here they are taking a dreadful beat-

ing. "When I look at the business, I see overproduction, oversupply and a decreasing demand," said Mr. Dubois of BMG. "We have to reduce the quantity of recordings we release. It is virtually impossible to manage a tremendous number of new recordings in a professional way, giving every one the attention it deserves."

In recent months, producers at virtually every major label have scrutinized their lists, eliminating projects unlikely to earn hack investments and trimming programs anywhere from 20 to 70 percent. Executives deny using a uniform benchmark, but insiders at several companies say that recordings likely to sell fewer than 50,000 copies in their first year are doomed.

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American orchestras have been especially hard hit in the reconfiguration. Current union rates and work rules make the cost of recording symphonic works in the United States 60 perceot higher than in London.

A look at a current Sooy Classical project, an album of John Williams film music with the violinist ltzhak Perlman, shows how American ensembles have priced themselves out of the market. The recording was to be made in London, in four threehour sessions. When a Sony executive remembered that the company owed the Pittsburgh Symphony a fee

How did the record business arrive at this sorry pass? One view holds that the business has not really changed but that the advent of Soundscan - a computer system that records sales at the cash registers of major chains — has clarified

the problems of the market. "Before Soundscan, you spent \$100,000 recording a Brahms symphony, you spent \$25,000 mounting a promotional campaign, and you shipped 10,000 copies," said Robert Hurwitz, the president of Nonesuch. Two years later, 7,000 have come back. But the returns are 500 here, 300 there, and you've released another 200 records since the Brahms, so you don't really notice.

"Today, you spend your \$100,000, you mount your campaign, you ship your 10,000 disks, you look at Soundscan, and you see: Week Ooe, 110 copies. Week Two, 86 copies. Week Three, 70 copies. All of a sudden, from the most basic, common-sense business reality, you say: 'Wait a secood. Something's wrong.' 1 think this has always been the case. It's just that now we're hit with cold, hard facts."

One thing those facts suggest is the degree to which the industry overestimated the CD boom. When CD's made their first inroads, a dozen years ago, classical sales were the first to grow. Collectors, assured that digital sound was superior to analog, sought gleaming new recordings of their favorite works. Then, enchanted by the format's indestructibility, they replaced their favorite LP's with CD reissues.

Labels celebrated by expanding their recording programs. Companies like Virgin and the Warner-Elektra-Atlantic group started classical lines. Bertelsmann, the German publishing conglomerate, bought the moribund RCA in 1986, and Sony, the Japanese electronics giant, acquired CBS Masterworks three years later. Retailers like Tower, HMV and Virgin expanded rapidly, and chains that had catered

"I was fortunate," he explained, "in that my mentors and role models Goddard Liebersoo at Columbia, Manfred Eicher at ECM and Bob Krasnow at Elektra - preached that if you trust your own instincts, your own ears and your own passions, the public, ideally, will follow. What they did not preach was how to read the cbarts, see what's selling and go out and copy it."

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lo a way, Nonesuch has become a template for the larger labels, particularly Sony Classical, the company that is changing the most dramatically. Though it releases 10 times as many disks as Nonesuch and has a higher quotient of crossovers, soundtracks and other projects of questionable durability, Sony has lately stepped up its jazz collaborations and added world music to its catalogue. Most important, it has embraced new music. Disks devoted to Sofia Gubaidulina, Gyorgy Ligeti, Alfred Schnittke and Peter Lieberson have appeared, and the label has put Mr. Danielpour, Tan Dun and Elliot Goldenthal under contract.

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**FEATURES** 

# That oily sensation

"VE finally figured out why a doughnut is called a "sufganiya." Just took a quick glance in my Hebrew-English dictionary to find that "sufgani" is defined as, no surprise here, absorbent. Given the fact that Hanukka is a holiday celebrating the miraculous aspects of oil, an absorbent treat is only fitting. The problem that arises is that most doughnut bakers treat the absorbency challenge as a commandment rather than a concept, resulting in rather leaden rounds of fried dough.

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As a general rule, those are the doughnuts that one finds in every kiosk, corner store, and bakery at this time of year.

It requires a bit of resourcefulness and research to seek out the unique doughnuts in Jerusalem, as well as the willingness to taste-test a series of the jelly-filled treats. "A great doughnut is light, not heavy, without oil dripping on the outside." explains Shalom Kadosh, head chef at the Sheraton Plaza. 'Inside the filling should be interesting, not just average, and on top, something fun like chocolate or mocha icing. It also needs to be served at room temperature, never cold because then it loses its taste.

Kadosh is also serious about his oil. He uses a regular vegetable oil for frying the doughnuts, but his secret is that he adds brandy to the batter to counteract the oil, pushing it away from the cake surface. At the Plaza's patisserie they also add lemon and orange zest to the batter as another ingredient to counteract the oil.

Jack Elkayam, the Plaza's pastry

JESSICA STEINBERG

chef, demonstrated the approximately two-hour doughnut baking types of extracts: butter, lemon, procedure, starting with the dough vanilla and rum. Filling-wise, it's mixture and rising process, and a typical Bonkers flavor fest, with ending with the frying, filling and strawberry, caramel and blueberry, topping techniques. The result is a as a slight departure from the reg-ulars. Their doughnuts are on the light, slightly chewy consistency, surrounding a somewhat stingy large side, leaving the expected oil but rich strawberry filling. Elkayam comments that this tradimarks on fingers and napkins, but they're generous with the filling and the blueberry is a nice change tional Ashkenazi treat is too sweet for him; he prefers his wife's of pace. Their prices are on par doughnuts - Moroccan doughnuts with the bagels, NIS 2.50 for with a hole, that are less sugary strawberry and blueberry, NIS 3 and dipped in honey or whipped for caramel. egg whites and then again in This wouldn't be a story about doughnuts if it didn't mention the crushed almonds.

The Plaza's doughnuts are a bit new kid on the block, Dunkin' steep at \$2.50, unless you're a Donuts. Fresh from the US, with guest at the hotel and get to eat one branch on Ibn Gvirol Street in them each evening at candlelight-Tel Aviv and another in Ra'anana. ing time. third will soon open in If you're looking for a more affordable doughnut, your best bet is Marzipan at Mahaneh Yebuda,

Jerusalem. Chaim Schockett, Dunkin' Donuts operations manager, says that the hordes of Israelis flocking on Agrippas Street. Owned by the Ozarko family, this bakery is to the store tend to favor three fla-vors; sugar-coated, jelly-filled and known for its einnamon rolls and rogelach, but they also sell a chocolate covered. caramel-filled doughnut that is superior to many of its counter-The Dunkin' Donuts doughnut is

the sweetest of those surveyed, parts. Izik Ozarko, one of the and they win hands down for their Marzipan sons working behind the generous dollop of jelly that oozes out of the doughnut with each bite. In honor of Hanukka, the store has counter, wouldn't reveal the family's secret recipe, but did say that they use eggs as their base, creatintroduced the new buttercream maple-flavored donut, at NIS 3

company's storehouses. All flour mixes are imported, as the local product is unbleached. The oil, Just up the block is another too, is imported.

pling, Bonkers Bagels. It's their first year making doughnuts and they're using a recipe with four

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Time to eat the doughnuts! There are all kinds of fillings and flavors this year, from rum-based to blueberry-filled to mocha-topped. (Ariel Jerozolimiski)

the mixture of oil used for frying the balls of dough, he did say that they use a combination of vegetable oils, with a low absorbing rate and low moisture level.

Therefore, any miracles relating to the volume of doughnus being sold are not related to the oil in which they are fried. What is miraculous though is the sheer tioned here, approximately 75,000

number of doughnuts consumed in this country during the eight days of Hanukka. Between the four stores men-

course of the holiday. When I mentioned that to lzik Ozarko, he nodded his head and told me, "Time to make the doughnuts."

**Environmental law** lacks enforcement

> EARTHLY CONCERNS D'VORA BEN SHAUL

SRAEL has some very effective, even, some say, enviable environmental laws. The problem is, and has always been, one of enforcement. All too often the law has been ignored in favor of the practicalities of day-to-day existence. But this is changing, and nothing could better express this change than the ratification by a Haifa court, a couple of weeks ago, of an agreement between the nongovernmental environmental action group, the Israel Union for Environmental Defense (UED), and Haifa Chemicals, putting an end to a three-year court battle wherein the UED actually brought criminal charges, under the existing laws, against Haifa Chemicals and several of their directors individually. This was a landmark agreement, and oo such agreement has ever been formerly reached in Israel between a blatant polluting agent and an environmentally active group. For Haifa Chemicals, a company that annually dumps 1.5 million tons of untreated effluents into the river and the bay, has seen the light of the new era and decided, in an abrupt turnaround, to amend its ways. According to the agreement signed by UED counsel Dan Fisch and Orit Marom, and countersigned by Haifa Chemicals counsel Michael Zellermeyer and Eli Meytal, Haifa Chemicals agrees to the following conditions:

ly begin the implementation of technological solutions to their ongoing pollution according to an agreed and stipulated schedule. • Heavy fines will be imposed by the court should the company

defect or lag behind the agreed schedule. Haifa Chemicals will pay NIS 750,000 in damages to the local authorities and will set up an ongoing trust fund that will finance further environmental action in the

THE petitioners are importers Haifa bay area. and dealers in meat products In exchange, the UED and the on a large scale. The Import Public Prosecutor will cancel the of Frozen Meat Law of 1994 forcriminal actions against Haifa Chemicals and the directorate. This bade, subject to certain exceptions.

Supreme Court confirms validity of kashrut law

In the Supreme Court, sitting as a High Court of Justice, before the shall be upheld in the spirit of the principles set forth in the declara-President Justice Aharon Barak. tion of the Establishment of the the Deputy-President Justice State of Israel."

That Law, he continued, repeated section 4 of the original Law under which freedom of occupation may be violated only by a Law befitting the values of the State of Israel, enacted for a proper purpose, and in which the violation is no greater than is required.

However, it also added a new section 8 which, while permitting a divergent Law, lays down, inter alia, that a provision of any Law which infringes on freedom of occumation shall be valid, even

LAW REPORT ASHER FELIX LANDAU

porary problems, and could not be invoked to destroy the whole fabrie of freedom of occupation.

They also submitted that the Meat Law offended against the Basic Law: The Dignity and Preedom of Man, of 1992, in infringing upon the basic freedoms stated above.

The President theo noted that the constitutional scheme now considcred was based upon the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms. several authorities, includ-

He held, therefore, that the petitioners' submissions relating to the Basic Law; Freedom of Occupation, could not be accepted. The petitioners, he continued, had also submitted that the meat Law infringed upon the freedoms enshrined in the Basic Law; The Dignity and Freedom of Man. of 1992. This submission too, he found, could not be upheld.

Citing the Barzilai case (H.C.428/86) - Selected Supreme Court Judgments (English), vol. VI, p.1), he pointed out that the Basic Law: Freedom of Occupation - including the section

As a Canadian court had ruled, "Our constitutional Charter must be construed as a system where every component contributes to the meaning as a whole, and the whole gives meaning to its parts ... The court must interpret each section of the charter in relation to the others."

Applying the above principle, he concluded, the interpretation of the Freedom of Occupation Law also governs the Dignity and Freedom of Man Law, with the result that the petitioners' case, resting on the latter Basic Law, must also fail.

For the above reasons, the petition was dismissed. Renato Yarak and Hila Keren appeared for the petitioners, and Uzi Fogelman, Director of the High Court Division of the State Attorney's Office, appeared for the State. The judgment was given on November 25, 1996.

doughnuts will be made over the

ing a soft, tasty dough that stays fresh for two to three days. Marzipan's doughnut is more oily The company imports most of its baking ingredients from the than the Plaza's brandy-lemon zested variety, but it's also a better bargain at NIS 2 for jelly-filled, NIS 2.50 for caramel-filled.

opportunity for doughout sam-While Schockett won't disclose

Shlomo Levin, and Justices Eliezer

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Dalia Dorner, in the matter of

Meatreal Ltd. and others, petition-

ers, versus The Knesset and others,

respondents (H.C.4676/94).

· Haifa Chemicals will immediate-

What is unclear is why, in the view of the importance of this decision, even though a press release recorded all the events, not one smgle newspaper, television station or radio news broadcast even mentioned the matter. Is the environment really so insignificant, not only to the public but to the media? Do we really live in a place where

one reacted to these problems.

serves as a landmark.

what would be an earth-shaking decision in any enlightened country is ignored? Maybe so. The one thing I do know is that Israel has good and valid environmental laws and the only problem is that they are not enforced. I can only take my hat off to the UED, and to Econet Israel who helped them to get started. It was high time some-

the import of meat without a is the largest single fine ever levied kashrut certificate. In a 1995 against an Israeli polluter and amendment (after the petition was filed), the definition of "meat" was extended to include all kinds of meat and meat products fit for human consumption, including poultry, and the name of the Law was changed to The Meat and Meat

Products Law of 1994. The petitioners, submitting that the Law would seriously affect their business, petitioned the Supreme Court, sitting as a High Court of Justice, to declare it invalid on the grounds that it offended against the Basic Law: Freedom of Occupation, of 1994, and the Basic Law: the Dignity and Freedom of Man, of 1992.

JUSTICE BARAK, delivering the court's judgment, first cited, inter alia, government decisions of September 8, 1992, and August 8, 1993, and several precedents -H.C.2015,1775/93, 7198/93, and 3872/93 (The Jerusalem Post of November 8, 1993), which preced-

ed the 1994 Law now attacked. He then turned to the Basic Law: Freedom of Occupation, first passed on July 17, 1991. However, for various reasons which he explained, it was repealed, and a new Law was adopted on March 9. 1994. Section 1 of the 1994 Law, he

said, provides that "fundamental human rights in Israel are founded upon recognition of the value of the human being, the sanctity of human life, and the principle that

though not in accordance with section 4, if it has been passed by a majority of the members of the Knesser, and states expressly that it is operative in spite of the Basic Law even if it does not conform to section 4.

He also pointed out that the 1995 amendment to the Meas Law was passed by a majority of the Knesset, and contained an express provision (section 5) that it was valid notwithstanding the Basic Law: Freedom of Occupation. The petitioners, he continued, submitted that the Meat Law violated both sections 1 and 4 of the Basic Law: Freedom of Occupation. It infringed upon the freedoms of religion and conscience, equality, and property. It did not serve a proper purpose, and it went too far. It had ruined their businesses without any compensation. They also argued that section 8, permitting a divergent Law, was

Cinng ing the Clal case (H.C. 728/94), be pointed out that the object of the relevant provisions was to enable the legislature to fulfill its social and political aspirations, even if they conflicted with section 4

He then emphasized that the meat Law, if at all, only sanctioned vin-lations of the fundamental principles in the Basic Law: Freedom of Occupation. It could not be used to destroy that freedom, a result which could only be achieved by repealing the Basic Law itself. Citing the cases of Yeridor (E.P.1/65) and the Le'or Movement (H.C.42/89 - The Jerusalem Post Law Reports, p.154), he stressed that the petitioners could still import kosher meat without the necessity of import permits. The impact of the meat Law, even if it did infringe on the freedoms of property, conscience, and equality, did not impair the essence of our constitutional regime.

permitting divergent legislation was a central part of the constitutional scheme governing human rights in Israel. Every constitutional provision reflected on the whole scheme, and could not be interpreted in isolation.

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rights abuses overseas N an effort to put a spotlight on global religious strife, the US State Department on recently "provide information to the US government" on religious rights named 20 prominent American religious leaders and scholars to a

US addresses religious

newly formed committee to advise the administration on violations of religious freedom in other countries. The move comes after a year of pressure from some evangelical Christian groups agitating for the appointment of an individual "spe-

cial adviser" to focus specifically on persecution of Christians overseas. But the State Department resisted that idea, opting for a committee with a broad mandate to address human-rights abuses against people of all religions. "Religious and ethnic conflict

have often been at the forefront of human-rights dilemmas in recent years," John Shattuck, assistant sectetary of state and chair of the new committee, said in his announcement of the formation of the panel. "My own personal experience in addressing the human catastrophe in Bosnia and working with Catholic, Orthodox and Moslem religious leaders in the long struggle for peace, justice and reconciliation has shown me how important it is to stand up for religious freedom and tolerance." he said.

The committee includes religious leaders who are Catholic, Protestant, Orthodox and evangetical Christian, Moslem, Jewish, Baha'i, Mormon and African Methodist Episcopal, as well as scholars noted for their expertise in international conflict resolution, religious diversity, the Holocaust

abuses overseas, and to look for ways that non-governmental religious groups can help mediate conflicts, Shattuck said. The committee, which will report directly to the secretary of state, will hold public meetings, he said. The first meeting could come early next year, a State Department

source said. In recent years, buman-rights organizations bave documented torture and killings of Christians and Buddhists in China, Bahai's in Iran, and Moslems in India, for example. Religious batted has inflamed the civil strife in Bosnia, the Sudan and other places.

"The fact that this committee was appointed is testimony to the importance of religion as a factor in foreign policy," said committee member David Little, senior scholar for religion, ethics and human rights at the United States Institute of Peace.

The announcement by the panel was delayed until after the election because the White House wanted to avoid the perception that this was merely a political maneuver designed to curry favor with people of faith, according to sources at the White House and the State Department. According to one White House official who requested to remain anonymous, "the only threat to the success of this initiative was for it to be overpoliticized."

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# **BUSINESS & FINANCE**

# Gov't to float 10% stake in Bank Leumi in May

THE government will offer 10 percent of Bank Leumi's shares in European and American financial markets, a senior official closely involved in the bank's privatization process said yesterday.

MI Holdings, the government firm in charge of selling the state's shares in the banks, initially planned to sell the 10% stake in 1995, but has encountered difficulties due to last year's capital-market slump and political instability. About 20% of Bank Leumi's shares are currently traded on the Tel Aviv Stock Exchange. MI Holdings' general-manager Meir Yacobson returned from London Saturday night, after meeting with representatives of overseas investment banks that are likely to take part in the planned offering. Among others, Yacobson met with representatives from

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Merrill Lynch, Goldman Sachs, Morgan Stanley, UBS and Lehman Brothers. The government intends to offer Global

Depositary Receipts, which will be listed on the London Stock Exchange, and American Depository Receipts, to be issued in New York, to institutional investors. The ADRs will not be listed on the stock exchange. Yacobson also met with heads of the London

Stock Exchange and lawyers who are likely to advise MI Holdings on issues associated with the offering.

"The overseas bankers are enthusiastic," the source said.

Lehman Brothers published an economic

report last week which concluded that Bank Leurni is to become Israel's most profitable financial institution in 1997.

"Leurni remains our favored Israeli banking stock and we continue to rate it to outperform, the report said.

Bank Leurni has already started to prepare a prospectus for the offering, which is to be based on the bank's financial statements for December 1996, to be published in the first quarter of 1997.

The government last held a public offering of Bank Leumi's shares in 1993, when it sold a 13% stake in the state's second-largest bank. A tender process, which would have led to the direct sale of a controlling share in the bank, failed in 1994 after the Safra Group withdrew

#### partners in biotechnology, pharmaceuticals, communications, banking and venture capital, according to Industry and Trade from the hidding. Ministry Center for Business

### Provident fund yields positive for 3rd month

**Jerusalem Post Staff** 

THE banking sector's provident funds achieved positive real yields in November, for the third consecutive month, the banks reported yesterday.

Funds specializing in investments in shares achieved the highest returns, mainly because of the improvement in the share market last month, Bank Hapoalim said. Bank Hapoalim's Gadish Fund, the largest fund in the country, achieved a real yield of 0.8 percent last month. The fund manages assets of NIS 11.82 hillion. The fund achieved an accumulated

Hashefa reported a positive real yield of 0.48% in November. Bank Leumi's Otzma Fund, the Since the start of the year, the fund achieved an accumulated yield of third largest fund in the country.

Bank Otzar Hahayel reported a real yield of 0.4% in November and 2.1% since the start of the

### Koreans seek Israeli partners from 150

companies

DAVID HARRIS

ELEVEN senior executives from

the Korean-based Hanwha

Corporation, including group vice president Jae-Won Kim, are meeting with 150 company rep-

resentatives during their first

Promotion head Noah Shani.

Established in 1952, Hanwha.

Hanwha is looking for Israeli

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Haifa's Elscint signs agreement with Siemens: The medical engineering group of Siemens AG of Germany and Elscint Ltd. engineering group of Stemens AC of Certificity and Escure Cell yesterday announced they signed an agreement to jointly develop and produce electromedical technology. The medical engineering division is one of Stemens' larger groups, employing about 22,400 people worldwide with sales reaching about \$11 million for 1995. Elscint of Haifa is a medical-imaging company that designs and manufactures a range of products, including magnetic resonance imaging, nuclear medicine and mammography systems. Jennifer Friedlin

Israeli business delegation in Taiwan: The joint economic committee between Israel and Taiwan met in Taipei this weekend as part of ongoing negotiations between the countries. The main themes discussed included encouraging joint ventures in bio-technology, agriculture and space technology. It is hoped, as a result of the meeting, a series of business delegations will be sent from both countries. David Harris

World Trade group's first conference begins: Industry and Trade Ministry director-general Yehoshua Gleitman will represent Istael at this week's World Trade Organization conference, beginning in Singapore today.

This is the first meeting of the WTO since it was founded two years ago. Some 5,000 people will attend from more than 150 countries. On the agenda is world trade in information technology. It is estimated IT sales reached \$550 billion last year. Other subjects include free trade agreements and interim agreements on

Originally the delegation was to have been headed by Minaster Natan Sharansky, but he decided to stay home because of the ongoing budget deliberations and today's expected cabinet vote. David Harris

Syria agrees to buy European airliners: Syria signed a contract with France to buy six Airbus A-320 planes, official sources said yesterday. The sources said Syrian and French officials signed the deal on Saturday in the presence of Syrian Transport Minister Mufeed Abdul-Karim. The first two planes would be sent to Syria in 1998, they said. Syria will use the planes to start flights to Latin America and south Asia and also to double flights to Arab and European countries. The sources did not reveal the value of the contract Renter

Major won't 'fudge' conditions for entry of single Europe: British Prime Minister John Major made clear that if other European nations were "fudging" the economic conditions for entry into a single currency, then Britain would stay out... "If they are fudging the criteria there would be no question of the UK joining," the prime minister said. He refused to be drawn into whether Britain would join the "first wave" of nations participating in the single currency in 1999. Major also stood by his finance minister, ruling out dismissing the pro-European Chancellor of the Exchequer Kenneth Clarke, as has been demanded by some anti-European members of the Conservative Party. Reuter

German metal, engineering mions reach pay deal: German metal and engineering trade union IG Metall said yesterday aegotiators in the state of Baden-Whenttenberg agreed a wage deal which maintained full sick-pay for some 300,000 employees there. An IG Metall spokesman said a deal had been reached Thursday night that mirrored a breakthrough earlier the same day in the smaller state of Lower Saxony.

The news came as representatives of the Gesamtmetall employers' federation met in Frankfurt to discuss the deal reached in Lower Saxony, with Gesamtmetall officials saying before the meeting that the deal was likely to be sharply criticized. According to the IG Metall spokesman, the new deal was similar to the Lower saxony deal "in all main points." Aside from the maintenance of full sick pay, wages for workers in the southern part of the Baden Wuerttemberg will rise by 1.5 percent next year and an additional 2.5% in 1998. Reuter China has \$100m. on the line in EU trade spat: China said yesterday that \$100 million of exports and thousands of jobs were at risk in a textile dispute with the European Union, and it vowed to protect its interests. An EU decision last month to impose 22.6% anti-dumping duties on unbleached cotton cloth imported from China was "groundless and macceptable," the official Xinhua news agency said. The agency quoted Yu Boge, vice-president of the China National Textiles Import and Export Corp, as saying that "if no big changes are made in the final decision next May, nearly all Chinese bleached-cloth exports to the EU will be forced out of that market." China exports about \$100m. of unbleached cotton fabric to the EU annually. More than 100 Chinese manufacturers and 20 trading companies are engaged in the business. Reuter

#### negative return of 0.2% since the start of the year. More builders at financial ULL TARGET (OULL) Mutual Fund for **Foreign Residents** 5.12.96 Date: ABOUT 48 percent of firms in the construction sector are in the 157.06 Purchase Price: "high financial risk" category, Redemption Price: 154.68 compared to 43% in April. according to a survey by Business Data Israel. The BDI survey is based on leumi pia no min · ff data from the first nine months

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reported a real yield of 0.59% in November. In the first 11 months of the year, the fund achieved a real yield of 0.52%, the highest among the large banks. Bank Discount intends to pub-

risk, survey says

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lish its funds' yields today. Among the smaller funds, United Mizrahi Bank's Atid Fund had a real yield of 0.64% in November. Since the start of the year, the fund had set only a negative yield of 0.16%. First International Bank's Karen

0.51%.

Non-bank funds also reported improved yields. For example, the Nativ Fund, which is managed by Koor Capital Markets Nativot Pension, reported a real positive yield of 0.58% in November. The fund announced an accumulated real yield of 2.39%.

The survey said the situation

was influenced by the closure of

the territories, unclear govern-

ment policies and the expecta-

tions of potential buyers that

prices would fall in future

because of the slowdown in all

The sector also was hindered

by the rise in mortgage interest-

rates and credit restrictions on

contractors that have reduced

the ability of companies in the

sector to raise capital to finance

economic activity.

Communications Ministry director-general Shlomo Waxe and senior staff at Koor Industries Ltd., Clal Israel Ltd. and Israel Aircraft Industries Ltd.

> Korean government in its communications satellite program. In September, a team from Korea's Halla Group visited

> > nology. Of particular interest to Seoul is Israel's first communications satellite, Amos I, which was

launched in May. Two senior Foreign Ministry officials made a trip to Korea. last week for talks on further economic cooperation between the two countries. In the first nine months of the year, trade volume between Israel, and Korea totalled \$551 million, a figure both sides said they want to increase.

Foreign Ministry sources said recently they expect Korea to be the first Asian country to invest on a large scale in Israel. While much hope has been

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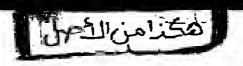
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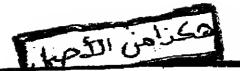
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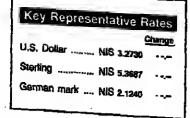
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### Gold slips as US stock plunge fails to bring buyers COMMODITIES ROUNDUP

A SHARP dip in the Dow Jones Industrial Average, as well as a sell-off in the Japanese and European stock markets Friday failed to ignite a rally in gold and sent precious metals lower.

Traders said many expected a sell-off in world equities to attract portfolio hedgers to precious metals. The absence of investors huying gold early Friday was a sell signal for precious metals, they said.

Occember gold closed down 2.20 at \$369.10. December silver ended down 8.7 at \$4.743. December copper elosed up .05 at 104.90 and January platinum was down 2.60 at 372.80.

Boosted by bopes for improved demand and carryover from a late surge Thursday, wheat futures at the Chicago Board of Trade ended with solid gains Friday. Corn futures settled with slight declines in light-volume and featureless activity.

observers attributed Many strength in the wheat pit to technifollow-through from cal Thursday, when prices sank early hut rallied late to close higher. Export talk also lent support, in particular the expectation that Egypt will make a tender for wheat over the weekend. Even though the US is expected to see little, if any, of this business, the expected tender appeared to restore some optimism in the US export outlook.

December corn closed down 1.25 cents at \$2.6725 per hushel and December wheat ended up 6.25 cents at \$3.9100 per bushel.

Soybean futures closed steady to lower on Friday, making new lows into the close as soyoil pared its gains. A lack of fresh news. sorted through the late gains from Thursday. Without friendly news to push up the market further, soyns chopped quietly, with the

## **US Treasury secretary plays** down of US stock drop

WASHINGTON (Reuter) - US Treasury Secretary Robert Rubin yesterday played down the importance of last week's steep slide in global stock markets and urged investors to focus on the long-term.

"What people really ought to be looking at is not these kind of day to day fluctuations but what they think economie conditions are going to be like over time," the Treasury chief said on NBC television's "Meet the Press" program. Equity prices dropped from Tokyo to New York on Friday after Federal Reserve Chairman Alan Greenspan raised the possibili-ty that the high-flying Wall Street market might be overvalued. The Dow Jones industrial average of blue-

chip shares fell by over 140 points before sta-bilizing to end the day 55.16 points down.

Rubin said the central bank chief was merely asking a question about the level of the stock market, not saying that it had risen too far. "I interpret the chairman as simply raising a question, not suggesting an answer," the Treasury chief said. "It is a very important distinction

Rubin, who meets weekly with Greenspan to

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discuss the economy and other issues, said he had not been surprised by the Fed chairman's remarks but made clear that the central banker spoke on his own.

Senate Majority leader Trent Lott was not as reticent as Rubin in taking on the Fed, calling last week's stock market slide a testament 10 Greenspan's strength.

"I've always been a little nervous about the Fed," the Mississippi Republican told Fox News. "I doo't want to bash them ... but I think interest rates should be lower."

Rubin, a former Wall Street executive, declined to say whether he thought the stock market had risen too far, despite repeated questioning.

But he did say that markets follow fundamentals over time and that the US fundamentals had been "very good" during President Bill Clinton's first four years in office.

What was important now was whether the Clinton administration and Congress could work together to tackle the economic problems facing the United States, including balancing the federal government hudget.

To help in that regard, Rubin left open the

possibility of adjusting the Consumer Price Index, which is used to calculate annual costof-living increases for Social Security and other government benefit programs.

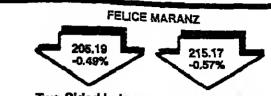
A congressionally-appointed commission last week concluded that the CPI overstates inflation by 1.1 percentage point per year, effectively costing the government billions of dollars a year in extra pension and other payments.

Rubin agreed that the CPI was an imperfect measure of inflation. "The question is, based 00 scientific and technical analysis, can we arrive at a better version of the CPI?

"I don't think that we should rule out a change in the CPI if, based on a technical analysis, there is a broad-based agreement that the CPI can be changed in a such a way as to better, more accurately reflect inflation," Rubin added.

Speaking on the same television programme, US House Budget Committee chairman John Kasich from Ohio said Republicans were in favor of changing the way the CPI is measured, but that Clinton needed to take the lead on any adjustments.

### TASE shares drop after Israeli issues fall in New York TEL AVIV STOCK MARKET



### Two-Sided Index

STOCKS fell after Israeli companies - including Teva Pharmaceutical Industries and Koor Industries Ltd. - declined on Wall Street during the weekend. US stocks elosed lower Friday.

after Federal Reserve Chairman Alan Greenspan cited "irrational exuberance" in the market. The benchmark S&P 500 Index closed down 4.78 points. The Maof Index fell 0.57 per-

cent to 215.17 and the Two-sided Index fell 0.49% to 205.19.

"Stocks are down because of Wall Street, but overall there's no panic and investors are waiting to see what will happen with America tomorrow," said Dan Alt, a broker at Tel Aviv brokerage Nesuah Trading. "Teva and Koor are pulling the indexes down,"

Teva, the Tel Aviv Stock Exchange's most-active share, fell 1% in late trading. The drug company's American depositary receipts fell to close at 47 1/4

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six-month high on Wednesday. Koor fell 1.5% in late trading. Koor's ADRs fell 1/8 from Wednesday to Friday, closing at 16 3-4

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On the Two-sided Index, Mofet Israel fund, which invests in Israeli high-tech start-up companies, fell 347 in late trading. One of Mofet's holdings traded in New York, Internet software company Vocaltee Ltd., dropped 3.8% Friday.

Unlike other shares across the board, banking shares rose, boosted by the perception that "they're trading below their assets," said Alt.

"Banks, particularly mortgage banks, are relatively cheap,"he said."Mortgage banks are trading at a low price-to-earnings ratio and investors are seeking cheap sectors,

On the Maof Index, Bank Hapoalim and Bank Leumi both rose 0.25%. First International Bank of Israel Ltd. and Israel Friday, down 1/4 from the stock's Discount Bank closed unchanged.

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### Americans keep spending lar we're earning, we're spending \$1.10. This is not a sustainable trend.'

Debts keep rising, but

miss high debt levels as a sign of consumer optimism about the economy. Some even say the debt figures are misleading since consumers use credit cards to huy nearly everything now because many cards offer airline frequentflier miles or other perks for each dollar eharged. Steven Ricchiuto, chief econo-

mist at Dean Witter Reynolds Inc., noted that consumer debt as a percentage of income was actually lower now than before the 1990 recession. In December 1989 total debt, including mortgages, equalled 17.6% of disposable income. After falling to 15.3% at the end of 1993, it has risen to 17% but has started leveling off the past two quarters, he said.

The accumulation of debt has slowed. Therefore, you have to question whether debi levels are a problem," he said.

Professor Ford said that while banks have tightened credit standards in recent months, credit was still relatively easy to get. "Merchants are saying, 'buy now with no interest until pext year'. he said.

"Consumers have the wherewithal to spend and the willingness to spend," said Ira Silver,

PALO ALTO. Calif. (Reuter) - list of qualified Internet sites for The Securities and Exchange such data, of which Stanford would be the first.

This would be similar to the way in which publicly traded corporations disclose financial information through the SEC's Edgar site, which was started as a uni-

versity project. SEC Commissioner Steve Wallman said in a statement that, like the electronic access to financial disclosures, investors "will now start to have the same access to information about federal securities fraud class action litiga-DOD.

Thelton Henderson, chief judge of the US District Court for the Northern District of California,

Iraq oil-for-food plan UNITED NATIONS (Reuter) -Secretary-general Bourros Bourros Ghali is likely to give Boutros clearance for the start of the Iraqi oil-for-food plan as early as today. paving the way for Baghdad to enter world oil markets for the first time in six years, senior UN officials said.

Although Boutros Ghali himself was cautious in predicting any start date, the officials said the Dutch-based Saybolt firm late Friday found Iraqi pipeline equipment in order, the last technical obstacle left before the plan's implementation.

At issue is Security Council resolution 986 that allows Iraq to sell S2 hillion of oil over six months to buy food, medicine and other necessities for its people, suffering from the sanctions imposed in August 1990 after its troops invaded Kuwait. Nearly two-thirds of oil sales revenues are earmarked for needy Iraqis, with the balance for war reparations and other Gulf

War-related costs, Saybolt told the United Nations that key oil-metering equipment was in "functional" order at the Zakho facility along the Turkey-Iraq border, through which the bulk-of-the oil-will pass, a UN

Boutros Ghali earlier Friday said be was awaiting the Saybolt report before making a determination on when he would give clearance for the start of Iraqi oil sales, shying away from giving an exact date for starting the plan. "When 1 receive it I will have a meeting and on the basis of this meeting we will decide (when the elearance for oil sales can be given)," he told reporters.

The procedure is for Boutros Ghali to give a one-page report to the council after which the deal can go ahead a minute past midnight, New York time, on the following day. At UN headquarters, a group of oil experts or overseers who first need to approve any contracts before Iraq can start shipping the oil, are returning to New York next week, an indication the deal was being readied.

"We're still iffy on the timing," spokeswoman Sylvana Foa said. "Obviously we are getting closer to the magic moment for the implementation of resolution 986. But we cannot pinpoint with any accuracy when he will be able to transmit the final report to the Council.'

Iraqi Oil Minister Gen. Amir Muhammad Rasheed said oil pressured soybeans as the marker: "official-said. Their inspectors had == experts would start tomorrow. But = previously found some of the D'UN officials downplayed the tim-

the data this expansion does raise equipment faulty or missing, ing, noting the work schedule for requiring a return visit this week the overseers was not settled and some troubling statistics," Lindsey chief economist at J.C. Penney to ensure repairs had been carried oil contracts can take up to 24 said in Washington Thursday. hours for review. "Roughly for every extra one dol- Co. THE AVIV STORES Multi-sided trading Two-sided trading Pror Resisco Regovinti Rogovis Roseni Scancia Scancia Scancia Scancia Scancia Scancia UncomGt UncomGt UncomGt 7895 1428 470 899 1011 423 90.00 112,50 479 281 546 14950 253 19700 198000 198000 198000 198000 198000 198000 198000 AFTERNOON MORNING Commercial Industrials Pies PolymA PolymC1 PolysicC1 PolysicC1 PolysicC1 PolysicC2 PolysicC2 PolysicC3 Polysi S Volume Price Change Shares Banks % Change Volume Shares -0.4 -0.3 5.0 Nama InsDevEk InsDevE Name Price 188.50 24 552 26 552 26 552 26 552 26 552 26 552 26 552 26 552 26 553 26 554 26 555 Price %chg 31475 9502 0.3 135540 3.0 10 2.2 33 -1.0 2321 -1.5 26709 0.3 7442 -2.7 1404 -2.5 35051 1.7 25247 -1.0 1332 -2.5 3564 -1.5 2658 -1.0 16943 -0.5 23799 -0.7 46484 -3.0 3080 -1.0 53639 -1.3 1372 -1.0 4150 -2.0 2251 -1.0 4150 -2.0 2251 -1.0 4150 -2.0 2251 -1.0 4150 -2.2 9613 -1.2 5945 -1.2 9613 -1.2 5945 -1.2 9613 -1.2 5945 -1.2 9613 -1.2 5945 -1.2 9613 -1.2 5945 -1.2 9613 -1.2 5945 -1.2 9613 -1.2 5945 -1.2 9613 -1.2 12457 -2.2 1245 -2.2 1245 -2.2 1245 -2.2 1245 -2.2 1245 -2.2 1245 -2.2 1245 -2.2 5356 -2.3 1245 -2.2 5356 -2.3 1245 -2.2 5356 -2.4 22051 -1.2 5550 -1.4 105209 -2.5 1245 -2.5 14223 1.0 atism -, 353 - 1951 - 1951 - 1951 - 3364 - 3376708 - 3376708 - 2502 - - 3376708 - - 2502 - - 2502 - - 3376708 - - 2502 - - 3376708 - - 2502 - - 2502 - - 2502 - - 2502 - - 2502 - - 2502 - - 2502 - - 2502 -355 344 402679 377674 2827 2834 13296 2827 2834 21741 14682 2827 2834 21741 14682 2827 2834 21741 14682 2837 2834 21741 14682 2837 2834 2835 27767 2834 2855 27767 2854 27767 2854 2855 27767 2854 27767 2854 27767 2855 27799 2857 27767 2857 27799 2857 27799 2857 27799 2857 27799 2857 27799 2857 27799 2857 27799 2857 27799 2857 27799 2857 27799 2857 27799 2857 27799 2857 29 49 -18 -1.0 electra Ackerii Abris 0 Atrist 3500 78000 120 8280 45750 1500 630 700 4750 231000 4750 231000 8750 8000 3705 18000 84800 84800 84800 70200 03222202257027220272027400 179.00 291 2.1 192,00 69,50 0.7 132204 398 163.50 -1.3 -03 05 Investment Mortgage Banks & Finance Companies Name P decanti édar bye Abyec ( Actarti 1 Actarti 2 Anso 2 Bancel 2 Bancel 2 Bancel 2 Darbar 5 Darbar 1 Econce 1 Bancel 1 ALPM 77 Pres %chg 348 511 24 471 -21 6.00 1052 345 Price %chg 258443 -0.5 277 40510 1.0 62221 140,50 160,50 55231 2.0 5167 -1.0 176608 1.5 -05 53 62 -15 A263 70 5164 - 30 5164 - 30 5164 - 30 5164 - 30 5164 - 30 516 - 30 10.0 10.1 -1.9 -1.9 -2.0 Financial Institutions 72600 -12 -0.7 -3.0 -1.0 -2.0 Insuration Records, metatoring availan Heading Heading Proceeds Sector Zono Proceeds Proceds Proceeds Proceeds Proceeds Proceeds 4070 2160 4000 1470 Price %chg 201 544 0.9 53.00 521 -2.3 
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NEW YORK (Reuter) - With the holiday shopping season in full swing, it appears the big debts consumers keep racking up are not holding back spending as some

analysts had feared. Americans have added almost S100 billion in credit card, autoloan and other installment debt to a total of nearly \$1.2 trillion as of Sept. 30, up from \$1.1 trillion at the end of 1995, according to the figures from the Federal Reserve. Credit card delinquencies are also rising, but consumers keep shopping as if there were no tomorrow. according to reports from retailers

and other anecdotal evidence, Despite five fewer shopping days this season because of a late Thanksgiving, analysts expect a 5 percent to 6% increase in holiday sales over 1995's disappointing

season. "Every indication we have says per-person spending is up and people have intentions to spend even more than last year," said William Ford, an economics professor at Middle Tennessee State University who also is an adviser to TeleCheck, which tracks consumer purchases by check.

Yet many observers, including . Fed Gov. Lawrence Lindsey. - believe the high debt levels are problematic. "When one looks at

Private economists, though, dis-

deferreds holding a light premium OUL to nearbys. January soybean futures settled 7 1/2 cents lower to elose at \$6.88-1/2.

New York cotton futures settled higher on the day, Friday, on speculator buying, noticeably on the close, according to traders. The December contract settled 64 points higher at 74.81 cents, which was the day's high. The low for the session was 73.75 cents. The March contract settled 51 points higher at 76.11. Friday was the last trading day for December 1996 cotton futures.

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"Once again you were at the front, leading your force, and now we are bere in Deir al-Maksour having lost a friend and a fighter, a courageous Beduin." Levine said in his eulogy. We came to console and once again we find ourselves consoled by the family and the Beduin community, which with respect, dignity, quietly and with restraint, honors its fallen." Hujeirat is survived by bis

wife, their two young children, his father, and eight brothers and sisters.

His close friend and comradein-arms, SL-Sgt. Kamal Mussa, from Tarshiba village in the Galilee, a Moslem volunteer in the IDF, was moderately wounded in the blast. Mussa told reporters that he and Hujeirat were leading a road-elearing mission and Hujeirat had climbed a slope to tell him to check the other side of the route when the first device was detonated, followed by two others. At the same time, Hizbullah gunmen fired several anti-tank missiles at the patrol, sparking heavy exchanges in the area. Seven civilians were wounded in Tibnit village, north of the zone, apparently by a dart-filled shell fired by an IDF tank. Hizbullab, which has sharply enticized the monitoring group for failing to protect Lebanese civilians, has threatened to retaliate for the Tibnit incident. Meanwhile, fighting contin-

ued in the zone yesterday with another long-range Hizbullah anti-tank missile attack on a South Lebanese Army position in the Soujud region, in the eastern sector. There were no easualties in that incident and IDF and SLA gunners returned fire.

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month of Proposition 211, a California ballot issue that would have made it easier to file elassaction securities lawsuits in the state.

"We would have done this with-out regard to 211," said Stanford Law School Professor Joseph Grundfest, adding that a new rule would be adopted to foster elec-

tronic filing. The SEC said judges of the US District Court for the Northern District of California have proposed a rule that would require attorneys in securities fraud cases to post major litigation documents on the Internet. The proposed rule would not oblige attomeys to post the documents on any particular site, however, and the SEC said it would provide on its home page a

The move follows the defeat last said the court was seeking comments from attorneys and others

on the proposal. The Northern District of California is home to Silicon Valley, and the venue for more class-action securities fraud litigation than any other federal court in the nation.

Henderson said securities classaction lawsuits often require communication with thousands of people. "In a world of papereorrespondence that based process is often slow and expensive," Henderson said. "The Internet may help alleviate this problem by creating a cheap and efficient means of providing class members in securities cases with detailed and timely information about litigation."

### BUDGET

(Continued from Page 1) from school and if it becomes clear that we have to crowd the elassrooms more, I would have a hard time bearing the burden of education minister," Hammer told reporters before the meeting.

Meridor also discussing the budget with Gesher MKs. Before the meeting, Foreign Minister David Levy said Gesher would not support the budget unless all the promises made to the faction are kept. Meridor responded by calling for all coalition MKs to act responsibly.

The cut has become an economic and political litmus test," he said. "I don't remember a time when we took on such an onerous responsibility." The key factor in deciding the

level of the additional cut, according to Meridor, was ensuring the budget deficit is reduced to 2.8 percent of GDP by Occember 1997. Treasury estimates suggest the original NIS 4.9b. euts are insufficient to achieve this aim.

The size of the additional cut was only finalized by Treasury officials after last week's publication of the budget deficit total to November (NIS 9.336b.), and the revenues collected thus far in

1996 (NIS 87.1b.). "Implementing this budget will guarantee inflation continues to decrease and that unemployment will carry on declining." said Netanyahu last night. "Successful implementation will lead to large investments in Israel."

Meridor also convened a meeting last week with leading economists, who recommended the need to decrease public expendi-ture and advised against increas-ing taxes. Those attending, including Avi Ben-Bassat, Assaf Razin, and Victor Lavi, warned particularly against increasing taxes on employers, given the current state of the economy. The economists also suggested it would be harmful to cut any of the budget set aside for R&D projects.

The Bank of Israel leant its support last night to the Treasury's proposals. An additional cut of some NIS 2b. is required, the bank said in a statement. This would lead to a reduction in the deficit, which in turn means an improvement in the balance of payments and the restoration of the economy to the right track. Batshevo Tsur contributed to this report.

SHARANSKY

(Continued from Page I) sions must be accepted by all secnons of Israeli society. The atti-tude of the rabbis should be more positive and more friendly, he said, and Sephardi Chief Rabbi Eljahu Bakshi-Doron, who is in charge of the rabbinical courts, had been receptive to this attitude. In reaction, Rabbi Einat Ramon. spokesman for the Conservative Movement in Israel, said that by suggesting there would be no change in the status quo,

Sharansky was trying to put one over on Oiaspora Jewry. It is clear, she said, that the religious parties are attempting to end the present situation, whereby Israeli citizens could go abroad and convert to Judaism with non-Orthodox rabhis, and Sharansky had not even addressed that issue. Ramon also accused Sharansky of failing to solve the problem of an esomated 150,000 Russian immigrants, who are not Jews according to Halacha.

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### **SPORTS**

Becker stops Ivanisevic for Grand Slam Tapiro's heroies lift Eilat

MUNICH (AP) - Boris Becker served with devasiating efficiency against the most ferocious server in the game and beat Goran lvanisevic in straight sets to win the most lucrative prize in tennis vesterday.

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Riding the support of a partisan crowd of 10.000 in the city where he lives, Becker routed lvanisevic 6-3, 6-4, 6-4 in the final of the S6 million Grand Slam Cup. The victory earned Becker

\$1,875 million. Ivanisevic had to settle for \$812,500. "I felt good from the start, I

returned well and I was getting my first serves in." Becker said. The tournament brings together

the 16 men with the best record in the four Grand Slam Journaments of the year – the Australian, French and US Opens and Wimbledon.

Becker, who is ranked No. 6 in the world, was simply better in all aspects of the game against the fourth-ranked Croat, who was the defending champion.

He never dropped his serve throughout the match, and never even faced a break point. He took just one hour and 24 minutes to beal the man who has blasted

more than 1.550 aces this year, a staggering historic high on the tour. Becker hit 19 aces. Ivanisevic had only 12.

It was Becker's 49th tournament victory, and the 30th indoors. Considered one of the best indoor players in the world. Becker had never won the Grand Slam Cup before.

Becker broke for a 5-3 lead when a forehand by Ivanisevic hit the net and converted his second set point when lvanisevic's forehand return again found the net.

Becker went a break up in the first game of the second, this time with a brilliant backhand volley that escaped a lunging Ivanisevic.

Winning almost all of his service points, Becker cruised through the

A forehand passing shot gave Becker another break point and be took it with a smash to go up 3-2 in the third.

lvanisevic saved two match poiots, one thanks to a Becker double-fault, but he then hit a backhand into the net after a raily. "He was the reason I lost. I didn't know what to do, he was too good." Ivanisevic said.

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CRUISING - Boris Becker wins Grand Slam Cup in straight sets.

### Bulls lose to Heat, suffer 1st home loss of season

CHICAGO (AP) – Dan Majerle's 5-pointer with 1.9 seconds left gave the Miami Heat an 83-80 vic-tive 3-pointers in leading Detroit to a road win tory over the Bulls on Saturday night, Chicago's first home defeat of the season.

Michael Jordan scored 37 points for the Bulls, who lost only twice in 54 preseason, regular-season and playoff games at the United Center on their way to the 1995-96 NBA title.

Alonzo Mourning scored 20 points and Tim Hardaway 16 for Miami, which had its nine-game winning streak snapped Friday by New York. The Heat has beaten the Bulls only six times in 39 tries since joining the league in 1988. Hornets 94, SuperSonics 92

Tony Smith stole Detlef Schrempf's inbouods pass and scored the winning basket on a layup with 4.3 secoods left as Charlotte surprised host Seattle. Glen Rice scored 22 points and Dell Curry had 21 for the Homets. who scored the last seven points of the game to sweep the season series and hand the Sonics their third home loss of the season. Pistons 95, Nets 69

Terry Mills scored 16 points and

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tive 3-pointers in leading Detroit

The Pistons, who are off to their best start ever at 15-3, bave won 11 of their last 13.

The 6-foot-10 Mills, who made all 12 of his 3-point attempts over the previous two games, tied an NBA record when he made his first long-range attempt Saturday with 1:44 left in the first period.

His streak came to end when he missed a 3-point attempt with 1:17 left in the first period. Detroit, which leads the NBA in 3-point shooting, was 10-of-20 from beyond the arc and held the Nets to a season low in points. Jazz 104, Naggets 91

Karl Malone scored 21 points as visiting Utah set a team record with its 14th consecutive victory. John Stockton and Jeff Hornacek each added 18 in sending Denver to its sixth straight

The Jazz led 55-48 ar halftime and steadily built the lead after intermission. Knicks 89, Clippers 80

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Patrick Ewing scored 28 points and New York, after blowing a 23-WESTERN CONFERENCE Midwest Division

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point lead, scored 17 of the game's final 19 points to win at home. It was the third straight win for

the Knicks as they finished playing four games in five nights.

The Knicks beld the Clippers to just eight points in the first quarter. watched Los Angeles go on a 21-0 run to end the third quarter, then held the Clippers without a field goal in the final five minutes. Allan Houston had 14 points, Buck Williams had 12 points and 10 rebounds and Charles Oakley had 14 rebounds for New York,

which swept the season series. Bucks 126, Bullets 118 Glenn Robinson scored a career-

high 44 points and Vin Baker bad a season-best 36 as bost Washington suffered its fourth straight loss Robinson made 16 of 23 shots, had seven rebounds and six assists in helping the Bucks break a twogame skid.

His previous career high was 39 points. Baker went 12-for-17 and amade all 12 of his free throws: He also had 12 rebounds in 43 min-

Chris Webber and Calbert Cheaney led the Bullets with 21 points each.

### Scharf announces squad to face Luxembourg

### DEREK FATTAL

NATIONAL soccer team coach Shlomo Scharf has drafted four new players into bis squad as training preparations begin in earnest today for next Sunday's World Cup qualifying group match at Ramat Gan against Israelis' prospects . Luxembourg. Three of the new faces are Betar

Goalkeepers: Bonnie Ginsburg (Maccabi Haifa), Rafi Cohen (Hapoel Haifa), Itzik Kornfein (Betar Jerusalem),

(Betar Jerusalem), Alon Hazan (Maccabi Haifa), Tal Banin

Tel Aviv), Eyal Berkowitz (Southampton), Itzik Zohar (Betar, n. Jerusalem), Arik Bennadow (Maccabi-Harib), David Ainsalem

Forwards: Eli Ohana (Betar Jerusalem), Ronnen Harazi (Betar Ronnie Rosenthal

### ELI GRONER

Monday, December 9, 1996 The Jerusalem Post

MEIR Tapiro grabbed a loose rebound and then nailed a 12-foot jump-shot at the buzzer giving Hapoel Eilat a last-second victory over struggling Maccabi Rishon Lezion.

In other National Basketball League action, Hapoel Jerusalem and Bnei Herzliya continued their winning ways, while Ra'anana upended Holon, and Hapoel Tel Aviv defeated hapless Hapoel Safed.

Hapoel Eilat 69 Maccabi Rishon 68

Maccano Rishon do Meir Tapiro grabbed an offen-sive rebound and then buried a medium-range jumper at the buzzer to buoy Eilat to a nail-bit-buzzer to buoy Eilat to a nail-biting home victory. The win sends ing home victory. The win series the southerners into the mid-sea-son break with a realistic chance of reaching the final four. All appeared lost for coach Moshe Weinkrantz's club after Guy Kantor and Leadel Eackles

Guy Kantor and Leader Eackies sparked Rishoo to a late 10-0 run to grab a 64-59 lead with only 2:40 to play. At that point, Tapiro, Joe Dawson and Amir Katz con-verted consecutive field-goals to take the lead back, 65-64.

Rishon countered by running a patient offense that concluded with an Eakles basket enabling the visitors to regain the advantage with just over a minute to play. The see-saw battle continued, when Nanad Markovitz, in his last

game before joining Limoges, drove the lane for a lay-up with 48 seconds remaining. It took all of 16 seconds for

Rishon to move back ahead, as Doron Jamchee buried two freethrows to make the score 68-67, setting the stage for Tapiro's hero-

Maccabi Ra'anana 94

Hapoel Holon 80 League newcomers Ra'anana proved they are for real by breaking open a close game and gamer-ing an impressive home victory. Barak Peleg (16 points) and Panl Thompson (15) stormed out of the second-half gate to lead a surge after a tight first-balf, that ended with Ra'anana clinging to a slim five-point edge.

Marc Brisker paced Ra'anana contributing 28 points in a strong all-around effort. For Holon. Derrick Hamilton tallied 33. Bnei Herzliya 87

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Givat Shmuel 69

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Host Herzliya proved it will be a force to be reckoned with in the second half of the season by giv-ing another strong performance, evening their record at 5-5.

Lior Ardini sank a three-pointer early in the first half providing Herzliya with a 14-12 lead. The Herzlivans never looked back and gradually extended the lead until the final buzzer put Givat Shmael out of its misery. Herzliya's Todd Mitchell (24

rierzuya s 1000 Mitchell (24 points), Terrence Stansbury (22) and Arditti (19) led a balanced attack that kept Givat Shimael off-guard all night.

Gerald Paddio scored 23 in a

losing cause. Hapoel Jerusalem 98 Maccabi Ramat Gan 87

Gadi Kedar's first road game as Jerusalem's coach happened to be on his former team's home court. Adi Gordon (31 points), Billy Thompson (23) and Dan Bingenheimer (16) made it a successful bomecoming. Hapoel Tel Aviv 92

Hapoel Safed 77

Demitri Hill's 35 points coupled with Safed's foul troubles down the stretch enabled the Tel Aviv club to beat the only team beneath them in the league standings. Safed's home-court loss all but ensured relegation at the end of the season.

Tonight, undefeated league champions Maccabi Tel Aviv travel north to play Pelephone Galil Elvon.

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### West Ham rallies to tie Manchester United 2-2:

LONDON (AP) - Romanian Florin Raducion and Julian Dicks scored two late goals in just over two minutes to spark West Ham to a 2-2 draw with Manchester United yesterday, stealing what seemed

like a sure victory from the defending champions. With Manchester United leading 2-0 on a 54th-minute goal by Norway's Ole Gunnar Solskjaer and another 20 minutes later by Dennis Beckham, the Reds looked comfortable.

Then Raducioiu struck with his first goal in English soccer as h

### national team has to register a convincing win against Luxembourg, one of the weaker sides in Europe, to retain a remote chance of getting into the 1998 finals in France. ics.

(Maccabi Tel Aviv), Alon Brumer (Maccabi Tel Aviv), Nir Klinger (Maccabi Tel Aviv), Assi Domb (Betar Jerusalem), Shmulik Levy (Betar Jerusalem), Yossi Abuksis

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#### SCOREBOARD

NFL - Last night's early results: Tampa Bay 24, Washington 10; Chicago 35, St. Louis 9; Atlanta 31, New Orleans 15; Cincinnati 21, Baltimore 14; Green Bay 41, Broncos 6.

NHL -- Saturday's results: Phoenix 4, New Jersey 3 (OT); Calgary 1, Boston 1; NY Rangers 4, Toronto 0; NY Islanders 2, Washington 0; Montreal 3, Chicago 2; Hartford 6, Buffalo 4; Pittsburgh 5, Anahem 3; Los Angeles 4, Colorado 2; Ottawa 3, Vancouver 2; Tampa Bay 4, San Jose 3.

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broke down the left side in the 78th minute and hooked a perfectly placed ball with his right foot from 15 meters behind United goalseeper Peter Schmeichel.

Just over two minutes later, defender Julian Dicks scored on a penalty when Schmeichel - lunging for a loose ball - was called for tripping Michael Hughes in the area.

The draw at West Ham left Manchester United with 27 points, eight behind league leading Arsenal's 35. West Ham has 18 points.

### Warne, Waugh lift Australia to win

### South African spinner contains India

SYDNEY (AP) - Leg-spinner made it into double figures. Shane Warne took a career-best limited-overs total of 5-33 yesterday as Australia romped to an eight-wicket victory over the West Indies in a World Series match at the Sydney Cricket Ground.

Warne took 5-4 from 15 balls at the Paddington end as the West Indies stumbled to 161 all out in the day-night contest.

Australia responded with 162 for two with eight overs to spare with Mark Waugh scoring an unbeaten on 83.

Ricky Ponting returned to form with 44 in a 98-run stand with Waugh after captain Mark Taylor went early for 17.

It was Waugh's highest score this season and his best in 31 onedayers against the West Indies.

Australia now holds a 2-0 lead over the tourists in the five-Test series and a 2-0 advantage in the World Series triangular tournament, which also features Pakistan.

Warne, 27, grabbed the last five West Indies wickets to fall as he eclipsed his previous best of 4-19 against New Zealand three years ago. He was named Man-of-the-Match.

Warne moved to fourth on the Australian list of one-day wicket takers with 105 from 61 games, passing fast bowling great Dennis Lillee (103).

The West Indies lost 6-19 from 37 balls and 9-99 after star batsman Brian Lara - booed onto the ground for the second match io a row - was caught behind by wicketkeeper Ian Healy off the bowling of medium-pacer Tom Moody.

Carl Hooper lop-scored with 41 but only four West Indies batsmen

Lara's form slump continued as he made 26, although he shared a 54-run stand with opener Sherwin Campbell, who made a gritty 38. Lara has made just 104 runs in

his last six innings. South Africa-India South Africa's left-arm spinner Paul Adams halted an ambitious Indian attempt, leaving the hosts at 204 for six at the end of the first day's play in their third and final cricket Test, at Kanpur,

Adams ended the day with the wickets of former captain Mohammed Azharuddin, Sunil Joshi and Rahul Dravid under bis belt, while compatriot Bryan McMillan claimed the wickets of opener Nayan Mongia and W.V. Raman.

Skipper Sachin Tendulkar (43) and Anil Kumble (5) were at the Crease at stumps. Within a space of 15 deliveries,

Adams had ended India's hopes of piling up a big first innings total and three of India's main batsmen were back in the pavilion. Dravid fell first to Adams, the

ball rapping his pads after an abortive sweep attempt. Azharuddin gave an easy catch back to Adams and Joshi, trying to

careful 57.

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hook a ball, send it flying to David Klusener at fine leg. Before Adams struck, India appeared to be going fine with Mongia and Raman putting up a 76-nin first wicket partnership -

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ing right back Shmulik Levy, one

of the most exciting prospects to break into the squad for some time. Maccabi Tel Aviv is repre-

Scharf has axed four players

from the squad that played so atro-

ciously against Cyprus last month.

Out go Felix Halfon (Hapoel-Tel

Aviv), Eli Driks (Maccabi Tel

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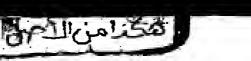
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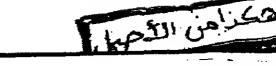
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THE Jerusalem Music Center

is hosting a most exceptional

program this week. Titled A

Window to Musical Cultures,

this ethnic music program will provide participants with a rare opportunity to savor a

wide variety of musical tradi-

tions of the people who make

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Today's program focuses on

the music of the Spanish Jews, with the participation

of among others, Edwin

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traditions. Each day compris-

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6:31 News in Arabic 6:45 Exercise Hour 7:00 Good Morning, Israel

#### EDUCATIONAL TV

8:00 Surprise Tran 8:20 Kity Cat and Tommy 8:35 Jimbo 8:40 Gaya, Gal and Gii 8:55 Gargantua 9:10 Without Secrets 9:30 Yardcats 10:00 Storybreak 10:35 Name Your Adventure 11:00 Pattern of Roses (1983) – a boy living in an English village is haunted by the ghost of a boy who fived in his home 70 years before. With Helena Bonham-Carter (78 mins.) 12:20 Andy Has a Gathend – Short fam (41 mins.) 13:00 The Onedin Line 14:00 Surprise Train 14:20 Kity Cat and Tommy 14:40 Gaya, Gal and Gii 14:55 Gargantua 15:10 Without Secrets

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16:00 Cartbons 16:30 Things Which Can't Be Sold 17:15 Panorama 18:00 Amores 19:00 News in Arabic 19:30 Doctors Tak 20:00 News 20:45 International Art Magazine 21:15 Don: Tet Her It's Me (1990) – a shy 15:30 Tinytown Tales 15:50 Booly 16:00 The Mysterious Island 16:25 Dubileth – live inter-active TV game 16:45 Super Ben 16:55 Zap to Basel 16:59 A New Evening 17:34 Zappy Books – children's fiterature 18:15 News in young man entists the help of his novelist sis ter in order to win the got he loves. With Shelley Long and Sleve Guttenberg. (88 mins.) 22:55 Adventures - Man and Nature English ARABIC PROGRAMS

### 18:30 Sport 19:00 News HEBREW PROGRAMS

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10:00 Shelley Duval's Fairytales 11:00 in the Best interest of the Children (1992) - melo-drama based on the true story of an unstable drama based on the true story of an unstable woman raising five children sired by different tathers. With Sarah Jessica Parker. (100 mins.) 12:40 Holiday Songs 13:05 A Metter of Time 13:30 All Together Now 14:00 Echo Point 14:30 Tic Tac – quiz show 15:00 Super Duper 15:30 Trick or Treat 16:00 Bold and the Beautiful 16:50 Lighting of fith Hanukka candle 17:00 News Magazine with Rafi Reshel 17:30 Zehu Zeh 18:00 Santa Barbara 19:00 The Mossad 20:00 News 20:30 H's Nothing – with Avri Gilad 21:45 Dan Shilon Live 23:20 Yes Minister 00:00 News 00:06 Night Owts 2:00 They Want to See Blood 2:30 Edge of the Shell

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#### DISCOVERY (8)

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#### **E STAR PLUS**

■ VOICE OF MUSIC GLOS Marning Concert Bros Colin McFee: Toccara for orchestra and 2 planos; Jucish Statu: Ruan to fuse and chamber orchy Oscar Feterson and his quartet in excerpto from performance at Blue Note club. New York, Michael Tippett: The Blue Guitar sonata (americaum), Concento for double string orchestra, Zvi Avric 2 Hymns for cobe and strings 12:00 Light Classical – The Swingfes Singers Ling a-cappella with Johann Sebastian and Amadeus 13:00 Tenor Pans Peter Blochwitz – Mahler/Schoenberg Das Lied von der Erde 14:06 Encore 15:00 Cycle of Works 18:00 Early music 17:00 Etrahta – five broadcass from Hanry Cruw Austorium, Jerusalem, Noam Buchman (Ruce), Hillel Tzon (cello), Michal Tal (pano), Chen Zimbalsta (percus-son), Hayon; Tho for flute, cello and plano; Ginastera: Pampeanas for cello and plano; Vila-Lobos: The Jet Whistle for flute, and cello; Claude Boling; Jazz Sute for flute, cello, plano and percussion 19:00 Fantoow of Sounds 20:06 A Window on Musical Cultures – ettinic week at the Jerusalem Music Trado 2:00 Weber; Theme and vartions for claumet and orch (Stolzman/Mainty Mozant/Schneider); 6:00 Nathalie Dupree Cooks 6:30 Video Fashion News 7:00 Kate and Allie 7:30 Oprah Wintrey 8:30 Dynasty 9:30 Santa Barbara 10:30 The Bold and the Beauthul 11:00 Bunyaad 11:30 Lifeline 12:00 Home and Away 12:30 Lost in Space 13:30 Black Stallion 14:00 Kate and Allie 14:30 Nathalie Dupree Cooks 15:00 Amul India Show 15:30 Star News in Hindi 16:00 Small Wonder 18:30 Chicago Hope 19:30 The Bold and the Beauthul 20:00 Star News 18:00 Yes, Minister 18:30 Chicago Hope 19:30 The Bold and the Beauthul 20:00 Star Barbara 21:00 X-Files 22:00 Star Trek 23:00 Quincy 00:00 Oprah Winfrey 1:00 Barnaby Jones 2:00 Home and Away 2:30 The Sullivans vantions for clarinel and orch (Stokzman/Mainly Mozart/Schneider); Mozart: Symphony no 31 "Pans" (Philharmonia/Klemperer); Brahms: Vanations on theme of Haydn op 55A (23:00

#### E CHANNEL 5

5:30 Bodies in Motion 16:00 Bodies in Motion 16:30 National League Soccer 18:00 National League Volleyball 19:00 NFL - yes-

### CINEMA

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terday's game 20:30 National League Baskebatt Gali Elyon vs. Maccata Tel Avro-live 22:30 English League Soccer

9:30 Set Jumpers: World Cup, Finland (rpt) 10:30 Beathinn: World Cup, Sweden (rpt) 12:00 Atrine Sking, Canada (rpt) 13:00 Soccer: FiFA World Championsing 14:00 Martiker: Jump 16:00 Transhop Canada

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8:00 Soccer: Asian Cup 8:00 Golf: Casio Open 9:30 (TU Triathon World Cup 10:30 Asian Soccer Show 11:30 Watersports World 12:30 Metorsyste racing: Asian Road Race Champonisho, Thailand 13:30 Trans World Sport 14:30 Soccer: Asian Cup – Jezian vis Utbekistan; Swa vis, China – twe 19:00 Golf: Million Dottar Tour, Socien Africa 21:00 NFL 23:30 Chimese League Baskeitball 1:00 International Motorsports News 2:00 Table Ternis' Yugostava Open

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Kibbutz Chamber Orchestra is on the stage instead of in the pit, which is a real pity. Tonight in Netanya stage at 8:30 p.m. (Hebrew) FILM \*\*\* THE TRUTH ABOUT CATS & DOGS -

Michael Lehmann directed this fresh, female reworking of Cyrano de Bergerac, which stars Janeane Garofalo as a dry wit of a vet with her own radio call-in show, Uma Thurman as her sweet, empty-headed fashion-model neighbor, and Ben Chaplin as the man who gets confused and falls for both of them (he thinks the doctor's voice belongs to the model's body). While the suspension of disbelief required to buy the outlandish storyline often feels more willed than willing, the film maintains most of its feathery charm throughout - largely because the director understands the extremely slight, basically improbable pature of the tale he's telling, and never pushes it. Audrey Welles wrote the clever script. (English dialogue, Hebrew subti-tles. Parental guidance suggested.)



relief. The dancing and singing are crisp and lively, the actors believable, the set marvelous, and the music, oh! the music that mgs at the mind and the heart. Aki Avni is quite simply tremendous as Tony and Meytal Trebelsky is getting there as Maria. Go! Tonight and all week on the Haifs Theater main-

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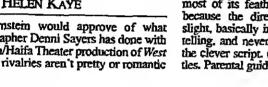
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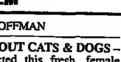
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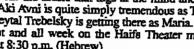
LEONARD Bernstein would approve of what director/choreographer Denni Sayers has done with the joint Habimah/Haifa Theater production of West Side Story. Gang rivalries aren't pretty or romantic







ADINA HOFFMAN



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### CRYPTIC CROSSWORD

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28 Owner distracted after

vehicle gets crushed (8)

29 Showing craft about

30 Contact the head, all being

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ACROSS

1 The cards might be made stiffer (8) 5 Note change given and hesitate (6) 9 The manicurist? (8) 10 Lay feeling under the weather-all in'(6) 12 Wine church members find rough staff (9) 13 Follow directions and engage in litigation (5) 14 Material obtained from

Central America (4) 16 Order quiet about cut (7) 19 Possibly the leader will make it clear (7) 21 A city club with aspiration

24 Coffee, or, if there's little

time, tea (5) 25 Awfully .decent-not relaxed though (9)

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smash (6) 4 Chapter and verse after record is set (7)

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DOWN: 1 Fisseo, 2 Lapp, 3 Rigour, 4 Weevil, 5 Rota, 6 Revere, 7 Someatics, 6 Instantly, 11 Hosen, 12 Dunce, 15 Normal, 18 Gravel, 17 Sullen, 18 Expose, 21 Hear, 22 Stam.

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discharged (8) 11 Could start with fruit and a morsel of fried food (4) 15 Cheered when a number made demands (9) 17 Poor actors accepting chaff as bedding (8) 18 The protection of cod takes organisation (8) 20 Eat out in Letchworth say (4) 21 Musicians require time for dressing (7) 22 Fit to be one of the

6 Serving minced meat and

beans or humble pie (9) 7 It's about a Latin fellow's

8 Army personnel counted as

23 As it may be said, no good-looker! (6) 26 Appearing before the court without a list (5)

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### NEWS

## Sharon tells **Treasury: Leave** ministries alone

### DAVID HARRIS

Infrastructure NATIONAL Minister Ariel Sharon called vesterday for the Finance Ministry to stop intervening in other ministries affairs.

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"This style of too much Treasury interference in the functioning of other ministries must come to an end," said Sharon, during a tour of the Arava.

His comments came before Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu and Finance Minister Dan Meridor appealed on television last night to all MKs to accept the proposals.

Before this morning's govern-ment discussion of the NIS 1.8 billion increase to the proposed NIS 4.9b. budget cut for 1997, many ministers and MKs were still in the dark as to what the final proposals would be. However, a source close to Industry and Trade Minister Natan Sharansky said it now seems likely each minister will be asked to decide where to make the additional cut.

Initially, Budget Department head Ran Kroll said the cuts would be made proportionately across the board, but several ministries, in particular Defense, made it clear they will oppose further cuts.

Netanyahu confirmed last night there would be no additional cut to defense spending.

Top IDF officers last month said they had arrived at an understanding with the Treasury that would leave their budget unaffected by the new cuts, having already agreed to a NIS 825m., reduction for next year. However, "nothing is definite concerning the IDF budget." Finance Ministry spokesman Eli Yosef said late last week. the coalition," he told reporters.

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bas threatened to vote against the

budget, Knesset Finance

Cotomittee chairman Avraham

Ravitz (United Torah Judaism)

Ravitz, who is Degel's senior

MK, told reporters that, although

the party is concerned over the

erosion in yeshiva budgets, it has

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That doesn't mean we won't

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said yesterday.

In response, the Defense Ministry told The Jerusalem Post the budget needs to be increased. This is currently on the agenda. What the govemment decides will be final."

While rumors are rampant as to where the new cuts will be made, some sources in the Finance Ministry and Knesset suggested the largest reductions in spending will come in the construction, social and education budgets.

Meridor has indicated there will be certain compromises when the final proposals are presented to the cabinet today. These could appear in charges for doctor's appoint-ments and child-benefit allowances. Health Ministry spokesman Effic Lahav denied a report in yester-day's Ha'arer; that claimed Health Minister Yehoshua Matza had agreed with Meridor not to impose a charge on doctor's visits. "The Minister said be guesses there will be no charge - that is all," said Lahav.

Throughout the protracted negotiations, there has been a persistent rumor that Netanyahu and Meridor will have to increase taxes, either by boosting VAT to 18 percent or reducing National Insurance support to employers. Netanyahu staked his reputation on eschewing a tax rise during a July gathering of economic experts at Caesarea, when he said 'read my lips [there will be no new taxation]."

budget will pass."

Former finance minister Avraham Shohat (Labor) said last night he thinks there will eventually be an increase in taxes. "What the prime minister and finance minister are requesting will not be approved by large unioos, who urged immediate action

Histadrut calls labor dispute over proposed budget cuts MICHAL YUDELMAN

results in late payments.

However, the committee

deferred discussion of more sub-

stantial changes in the National

Health Law yesterday; after Health Ministry Director-

General Gabi Barabash said that,

since the relevant Treasury offi-

cials were all on vacation last

week, no progress was made in

negotiatioos with the Treasury.

Committee members sharply criticized the Treasury for per-

mitting key staff metobers to take.

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the year.

HISTADRUT leaders yesterday decided on a nationwide labor dispute as a prelude to a general strike in two weeks, unless the government modifies its proposed budget cuts.

The labor dispute enables workers to stage protest meetings and other sanctions in work places. El Al's union intends to stage a 24-hour warning strike next week. The Histadrut leaders met the heads of the

against the government and supported the strike

plan. Histadrut Chairman MK Amir Peretz said "not only has the Treasury failed to reduce the draconian measures it tried to pull in the first budget proposal, now it's adding another decree - a NIS 2 billion cut. And they admit it will fall wholly on the backs of the employees, while the

employers take none of the burden." Peretz said the Histadrut opposes cuts in child allowances, education, housing and National Insurance allocations to pensioners, taxes on pensioners and a proposed hike in medical fees and health taxes.

The Histadrut is also determined to fight the government's proposals on pension plans and change work agreements, as well as the privatization initiatives at the workers' expense.

### Ran Cohen calls for Ethics Committee to probe Shas mail abuse LÎAT COLLINS

MK Ran Cohen (Meretz), chairman of the Knesset's State Control Committee, has said he will ask the Knesset Ethics Committee and the speaker to examine taking disciplinary action against Shas leader Arych Deri. He reportedly used the Knesset's free postal service to send 110,000 letters to those people who received amulets from Rabbi Yitzhak Kaduri during the election campaign.

The letters reportedly were seot at no cost to Deri - from the Knesset post office, although the quota for free mail for MKs is

15,000. They were sent just before Hanukka and contained greetings froto Deri, Shas mentor Ovadia Yosef and Kaduri.

(kasc Harari)

The incident was exposed last week.

Cohen called the mailing by Shas "scandalous and a cynical abuse of parliamentary privileges and rights." He recalled that MKs were reminded of the limits to the free mail service after Labor MK Ra'anan Coben sent 300.000 letters to demobilized soldiers several years ago when he was trying to pass a bill improving their rights.

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### **EVELYN GORDON**

Degel Hatorah holding off budget threats - for now

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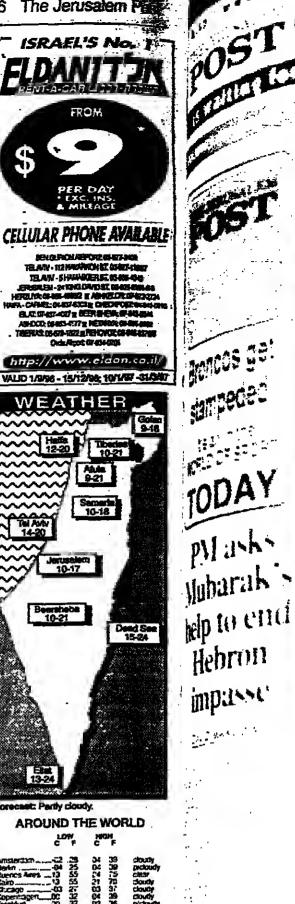
The committee also agreed that terday by giviog conditional approval to a NIS 64 pupils' hospital payments for childbirth would be made directly by the National Insurance Institute, as health care fee. Initially, coalithey were before the National tioo members had been divided Health Law was passed For the over-this-issue, but yesterday. past two years, the NII bas been they decided to approve the fee if payiog the hospitals via the the Treasury would agree to set a

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